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WILDERNESS REVIEW

INITIAL INVENTORY

Final Decision on Public Lands Obviously

Lacking Wilderness Characteristics

and

Announcement of Public Lands

to be Intensively Inventoried

for Wilderness Characteristics

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PART A

INTRODUCTION

This report presents the final decision that about six million acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Oregon and Washington are removed from further consideration as wilderness study areas. This completes the first phase of BLM's wilderness review in those states. For a description of the entire wilderness review process, please refer to Appendix A of this report.

The decision was reached after a 90-day public comment period on the proposed decision and an analysis of approximately 435 public comments received. Twenty public meetings were held to inform the public of the proposed decisions and to receive comments. Appendix B contains an overview of the comments.

Part B of this report describes the final decisions on lands to be eliminated from further consideration as potential wilderness study areas. It also includes a list of all inventory units which are eliminated with this final decision. The units are shown on the accompanying maps.

Part C of this report presents a list of all units of public lands in the two states which will be intensively intentoried to determine whether they have wilderness characteristics. The intensive inventory is being accelerated in 29 inventory units in eastern Oregon. The units are identified in Appendix C. A report presenting our proposed decision on whether wilderness study areas should be designated in any of the 29 units will be issued this fall. A 90-day public comment period will follow. A proposed decision on whether study areas should be designated in the other units in the two states will be announced next spring, with another public comment period to follow.

Part D of this report describes units for which the final decision is different from the proposed decision and units for which we received public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness charateristics. The comments are summarized in the unit narratives. The letters and comment forms are filed in the various district offices. District inventory teams are referring to the comments as they conduct the intensive inventory field work.

The intensive inventory units are shown on the accompanying maps. All other BLM lands in the two states are eliminated from further wilderness review.

These final decisions on the initial wilderness inventory will not be effective for 30 days subject to appeal under Departmental regulations (Part 4, Subtitle A, Title 43 CFR).

More detailed maps--at a scale of one-half inch equals one mile--are available. For copies, contact the district office which administers the unit in which you are interested, or the Oregon State Office in Portland. BE SURE TO SPECIFY UNIT NUMBERS SO WE CAN SEND YOU THE CORRECT MAPS.

The first digit of the unit number indicates the district office which is conducting the inventory:

1 - Lakeview	9 - Eugene
2 - Burns	10 - Roseburg
3 - Vale	11 - Medford
5 - Prineville	12 - Coos Bay
6 - Baker	13 - Spokane
8 - Salem	

If you have questions that are not answered in this report, please do not hesitate to call or write any BLM office in Oregon or Washington. A list of the office phone numbers and addresses is in Appendix D of this report.

PART B

THE INITIAL INVENTORY DECISIONS:

LANDS AND ISLANDS ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER WILDERNESS REVIEW

Approximately 5.7 million acres in Oregon and over 296,000 acres in Washington clearly lack wilderness characteristics and are eliminated from further wilderness review. This includes land in inventory units shown on the accompanying maps of Oregon and Washington. These units are listed below. Also eliminated from further wilderness review are all other BLM lands and islands in Oregon and Washington not eliminated in previous inventories or not included in inventory units because they are located in parcels containing less than 5,000 acres of roadless land.

In eastern Oregon, an additional 1,238,500 acres have been previously inventoried and determined to lack wilderness characteristics. In western Oregon, 1,732,200 acres of revested Oregon and California Railroad Grant (O&C) lands capable of being managed for commercial timber production are exempt from wilderness review.

District Unit	Acres	District Unit	Acres
Lakeview		Burns	
1-1	9,920	2-20	6,510
1-5	9,000	2-22	7,500
1-7	8,000	2-25	21,550
1-8	6,750	2-46	8,180
1-18	6,480	2-51	640
1-19	5,760	2-76	150
1-20	9,600	2-89	9,350
1-35	14,000	2-90	7,670
1-36	6,400	2-96	400
1-49	18,500	2-98	240 1/
1-50	7,000	2-101	1,440
1-51	8,500	2-104	3,210
1-66	8,000	2-106	1,480
1-68	7,840	2-108	1,170
1-69	13,600		
1-70	14,240		
1-81	7,000	Vale	
1-83	21,000		
1-91	36,480		
1-92	6,400	3-1	5,740
1-97	16,800	3-2	6,440
1-99	43,500	3-3	5,660
1-100	5,280	3-4	5,210
1-104	13,000	3-7	5,400
1-107	10,880	3-9	12,060
1-110	11,520	3-10	8,690
1-112	8,800	3-11	8,320
1-113	6,720	3-13	6,680
1-116	10,800	3-14	6,600
1-119	9,600	3-15	6,160
1-121	13,180	3-21	11,040
1-122	7,040	3-23	5,760
1-123	6,240	3-25	8,320
1-150	7,040	3-26	7,200
1-152	9,730	3-28	960
1-154	8,900	3-34	3,040
1-160	1,660	3-37	8,160
1-161	9,280	3-38	5,440

1/ In addition to these 240 acres eliminated from further review, 3,980 acres in Unit 2-98 are being intensively inventoried.

District Unit	Acres	District Unit	Acres
Vale		Vale	
3-39	17,560	3-137	9,900
3-40	5,240	3-139	10,280
3-42	5,380	3-140	7,740
3-43	5,240	3-141	8,740
3-45	17,400	3-142	12,160
3-46	6,020	3-147	7,560
3-48	23,380	3-150	6,700
3-49	6,600	3-155	9,260
3-55	4,360	3-157	12,280 2/
3-60	9,020	3-158	12,560
3-61	19,680	3-161	3,480
3-62	7,680	3-165	5,340
3-63	5,000	3-166	6,780
3-64	5,740	3-167	14,120
3-65	5,960	3-168	7,900
3-66	14,940	3-169	6,000
3-67	5,320	3-170	6,460
3-69	10,000	3-174	9,160
3-71	4,880	3-175	8,160
3-72	8,360	3-177	6,660
3-78	7,440	3-184	5,520
3-101	6,700	3-185	8,960
3-102	7,760	3-190	7,240
3-103	18,640	3-202	6,240
3-104	9,240	3-204	9,040
3-106	21,440	Prineville	
3-109	11,720		
3-115	10,540	5-7	8,000
3-117	6,300	5-12	840
3-122	6,280	5-13	520
3-123	10,600	5-15	8,070
3-125	9,760	5-17	6,880
3-129	8,360	5-24	7,140
3-131	5,340	5-25	9,810
3-133	9,280	5-26	9,100
3-134	6,360	5-27	7,830
3-135	10,640	5-28	8,430
3-136	8,760	5-29	160

2/ In addition to these 12,280 acres eliminated from further review, 21,040 acres in Unit 3-157 are being intensively inventoried.

District Unit	Acres
Prineville	
5-32	5,830
5-37	5,590
5-44	8,430
5-45	6,940
5-48	6,440
5-61	9,220
5-62	7,650
5-67	5,520
5-70 (Island)	1
5-71 "	9
5-72 "	2
5-73 "	1.5
5-74 "	3.5
5-75 "	3.5
Baker	
6-4	2,800
6-5	2,300
6-6	240
6-7	80
6-9	160
6-12	2,120
Salem	
8-2	185
8-3	1,664
8-5	162
8-6 (Island)	14
8-7 "	26
8-8 "	61
Eugene	
9-1 (Island)	5.5

District Unit	
Roseburg	
10-1 (Island)	28.3
Medford	
11-2	40
11-3	40
11-4	30
11-5	160
11-6	720
11-7	840
11-8	1,440
11-9	680
11-11	55
11-12	100
11-13	2,900
11-14	120
11-15	140
Coos Bay	
12-2	2,020
12-3	420
Spokane	
13-1	700 3/
13-13	2.0
13-42 (Islands)	350.0
13-43 (2 islands)	20.0
13-45 "	15.0
13-46 (Island)	40.0
13-47 (9 Marine Rocks)	1.0
13-48 (Island)	0.17
13-49 "	5.0
13-51 (Marine Rocks)	1.0
13-52 "	5.0
13-53 (Marine Rock)	0.1
13-54 (Marine Rocks)	1.0

3/ In addition to these 700 acres eliminated from further review, 7,800 acres in Unit 13-1 are being intensively inventoried.

District	Acres
Unit	
Spokane	
13-55 (Marine Rock)	0.5
13-56 (Island)	5.0
13-57 (Islands)	100.0
13-58 (Island)	0.5
13-61 (Islands)	1.0
13-62 (Island)	1.0
13-64 (Islands)	10.0
13-65 "	10.0
13-66 "	15.0
13-68 "	50.0

PART C

LANDS AND ISLANDS BEING INTENSIVELY INVENTORIED

Approximately seven million acres in Oregon and approximately 13,800 acres in Washington are included in the intensive wilderness inventory. Intensive inventory units are listed below. In addition to the units listed, all BLM-administered islands off the Oregon coast which have not been previously designated as wilderness will be intensively inventoried. The management restrictions imposed by Section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act remain in effect on these lands in the intensive inventory units.

District Unit	Acres	District Unit	Acres
Lakeview		Lakeview	
1-2	27,500	1-76	17,920
1-3	22,000	1-77	9,920
1-4	32,600	1-78	28,160
1-6	12,800	1-79	6,560
1-9	34,000	1-80	17,920
1-10	16,640	1-82	20,800
1-11	7,700	1-85	12,800
1-12	9,000	1-86	12,160
1-21	12,000	1-87	18,560
1-22	10,500	1-88	38,400
1-24	14,700	1-89	5,680
1-38	39,000	1-90	5,360
1-52	19,200	1-93	11,840
1-53	23,000	1-94	14,080
1-54	9,920	1-95	19,840
1-55	12,000	1-96	32,000
1-57	46,720	1-98	20,640
1-58	102,000	1-101	22,400
1-59	8,000	1-102	13,440
1-60	6,560	1-105	30,000
1-62	14,800	1-106	23,040
1-63	36,800	1-108	15,360
1-64	23,520	1-111	14,720
1-65	16,000	1-114	24,320
1-67	7,040	1-115	120,320
1-71	26,080	1-117	37,120
1-72	9,920	1-118	26,880
1-73	17,280	1-120	10,560
1-74	21,760	1-124	8,160
1-75	5,760	1-125	12,000

District Unit	Acres	District Unit	Acres
Lakeview		Burns	
1-126	22,720	2-16	5,800
1-127	5,280	2-17	12,430
1-128	7,360	2-18	8,790
1-129	7,040	2-19	6,910
1-130	24,320	2-21	9,400
1-131	7,600	2-23	163,340
1-132	8,960	2-24	18,290
1-133	12,290	2-26	14,380
1-134	30,000	2-30	13,320
1-135	11,520	2-43	43,030
1-136	6,080	2-44	8,260
1-137	8,320	2-45	5,680
1-138	12,800	2-47	21,660
1-139	69,690	2-48	18,340
1-140	12,800	2-49	29,770
1-142	14,760	2-50	8,410
1-143	29,440	2-52	5,690
1-144	11,840	2-53	9,130
1-145	15,360	2-54	8,750
1-146	78,000	2-55	64,070
1-148	7,000	2-56	13,070
1-149	17,280	2-57	18,530
1-155	5,760	2-58	21,570
1-157	5,120	2-59	13,840
1-158	6,520	2-60	20,060
1-159	50,560	2-61	41,870
1-162	3,040	2-62	10,460
1-164	800	2-63	12,480
		2-64	34,400
Burns		2-65	6,080
		2-67	12,900
2-1	65,900	2-68	8,290
2-2	48,950	2-69	13,550
2-11	11,080	2-70	9,370
2-12	29,700	2-71	15,790
2-13	8,790	2-72	180,810
2-14	5,630	2-73	71,130
2-15	38,130	2-74	266,600

District Unit	Acres	District Unit	Acres
Burns		Vale	
		3-31	15,520
2-75	47,800	3-32	7,040
2-77	40,810	3-33	22,400
2-78	30,600	3-35	4,760
2-79	21,240	3-36	6,020
2-80	14,540	3-41	16,120
2-81	80,850	3-44	4,320
2-82	156,560	3-47	43,380
2-83	8,230	3-50	13,140
2-84	152,600	3-51	10,800
2-85	143,980	3-52	8,460
2-86	82,430	3-53	27,370
2-87	28,340	3-54	3,200
2-88	9,550	3-56	22,240
2-91	26,200	3-57	15,420
2-92	49,630	3-58	7,920
2-93	20,050	3-59	13,560
2-94	48,850	3-68	14,540
2-98	3,980 1/	3-70	10,080
2-103	6,360	3-73	13,160
2-110	5,500	3-74	12,400
2-111	7,320	3-75	6,760
2-114	8,080	3-76	24,180
2-115	13,730	3-77	60,160
		3-79	10,680
Vale		3-80	8,760
		3-82	7,040
3-6	2,510	3-100	15,900
3-8	15,600	3-105	9,400
3-12	20,480	3-107	11,360
3-16	19,260	3-108	13,360
3-18	7,160	3-110	43,540
3-19	3,160	3-111	67,460
3-20	13,760	3-112	46,130
3-22	11,720	3-113	21,300
3-24	7,800	3-114	56,300
3-27	18,980	3-116	16,100
3-30	15,400	3-118	55,160

1/ In addition to these 3,980 acres being intensively inventoried, 240 acres in Unit 2-98 are eliminated from further wilderness review.

District Unit	Acres	District Unit	Acres
Vale		Vale	
3-119	63,120	3-187	12,080
3-120	39,320	3-188	9,400
3-121	8,440	3-189	11,680
3-124	6,320	3-191	7,800
3-126	6,920	3-192	7,240
3-127	7,040	3-193	21,300
3-128	23,530	3-194	31,920
3-130	14,120	3-195	67,620
3-132	21,940	3-196	7,240
3-138	10,720	3-197	11,120
3-143	29,120	3-200	27,720
3-144	21,200	3-201	14,960
3-145	86,060	3-203	44,520
3-146	27,540		
3-148	26,520		
3-149	15,960	Prineville	
3-151	8,720		
3-152	29,400	5-5	4,620
3-153	13,080	5-6	19,570
3-154	6,680	5-8	10,150
3-156	60,840	5-9	6,240
3-157	21,040 2/	5-10	5,060
3-159	20,200	5-11	7,580
3-160	14,040	5-14	4,080
3-162	39,760	5-18	5,640
3-163	61,980	5-19	5,120
3-164	15,560	5-20	7,040
3-171	19,200	5-21	31,380
3-172	9,840	5-22	6,220
3-173	81,930	5-23	16,440
3-176	17,860	5-31	11,080
3-178	15,720	5-33	19,660
3-179	23,600	5-34	9,060
3-180	15,500	5-35	21,840
3-181	21,720	5-36	7,210
3-182	21,880	5-40	11,980
3-183	16,300	5-41	7,180
3-186	11,580	5-42	5,160

2/ In addition to these 21,040 acres being intensively inventoried, 12,280 acres in Unit 3-157 are eliminated from further review.

District Unit	Acres
Prineville	
5-43	17,960
5-46	8,650
5-47	8,300
5-49	15,550
5-50	6,790
5-51	12,600
5-52	9,040
5-53	11,550
5-55	16,860
5-56	8,380
5-57	10,800
5-58	6,160
5-59	6,300
5-60	10,420
5-63	16,180
5-64	10,910
5-65	17,920
5-66	7,580
5-68 (Island)	4
5-69 "	2
5-76 "	5
5-77 "	2.8
5-78 "	4
5-79 "	10.5
5-80 "	6.8
5-81 "	2.5
5-82 "	5.5
5-83 "	9.8
Baker	
6-1	1,200
6-2	9,200
6-3	9,400
6-10	2,500
6-11	240
6-13 (Island)	unknown
6-14 "	unknown

District Unit	Acres
Baker	
6-15 (Island)	unknown
6-38 "	unknown
6-39 "	unknown
6-40	7,200
Medford	
11-1	320
11-16	45,000
11-17	6,100
Spokane	
13-1	7,800 3/
13-2	5,550
13-3 (Island)	8.10
13-4 "	2.25
13-5 "	0.25
13-6 "	1.00
13-7 "	0.50
13-8 "	1.00
13-9 "	1.00
13-10 "	1.00
13-11 (4 Marine rocks)	4.00
13-12 (2 Marine rocks)	2.00
13-14 (Island)	2.00
13-15 (Islands)	5.00
13-16 "	10.00
13-17 "	2.70
13-18 (Marine rocks)	5.00
13-19 (Island)	1.00
13-20 (2 islands)	2.00
13-21 (Island)	3.00
13-22 "	1.00
13-23 "	3.00
13-24 "	15.00
13-25 (Marine rocks)	5.00
13-26 (Island)	1.00

3/ In addition to the 7,800 acres being intensively inventoried, 700 acres in Unit 13-1 are eliminated from further wilderness review.

District Unit	Acres
Spokane	
13-27 (Island)	1.00
13-28 (Islands)	15.00
13-29 (Island)	2.00
13-30 (Marine rocks)	3.00
13-31 (Island)	1.00
13-32 "	1.00
13-33 (Islands)	5.00
13-34 (Island)	1.00
13-35 (2 islands)	1.00
13-36 "	2.00
13-37 (Island)	0.50
13-38 "	0.50
13-39 (2 Marine rocks)	1.0
13-40 (2 islands)	6.50
13-41 (Island)	1.00
13-44 "	20.00
13-50 (Marine rocks)	50.00
13-59 (Island)	2.00
13-60 "	185.00
13-63 "	10.00
13-67 (Islands)	100.00

PART D

UNIT NARRATIVES:
CHANGES IN DECISIONS AND SUMMARIES OF COMMENTS RELATING TO WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS

In the following pages, we have described units for which we received comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics, and we have summarized the comments. We have also described units in which the final decision is different from the proposed decision. In some cases, the decision has been changed for the entire unit; in others, the decision has been changed for only part of a unit.

We received some comments which did not deal with wilderness charcteristics, but which did provide information on other land uses and resources in the units, such as mining and potential mineral development, livestock grazing, and recreational off-road-vehicle use. Because it does not relate to wilderness characteristics as defined by Congress, we cannot use this information during the inventory. We have not summarized such comments in this report, but we have filed them in the official case file for the appropriate inventory unit. If the unit is designated a wilderness study area, the comments will be used during the study, when the benefits of possible wilderness designation will be compared with the benefits of other land uses.

The numbers in the parentheses after each public comment indicate the number of "responses" (letters, comment forms, and oral statements) in which that comment was made and the number of signatures on the responses. For example, the entry "--many roads in this area. (2)(3)" indicates that this comment was made in two responses and that the responses contained a total of three signatures.

Section 1

Units Eliminated from Further Review

Those units eliminated from further review and for which we received public comments are described in this section. The acreages of all units eliminated from further review are listed in part B.

Unit 3-204, eliminated from further review, was proposed for intensive inventory at the beginning of the public comment period on April 6. After reviewing public comments and re-examining the unit it is clear that it does not possess wilderness characteristics. The reason for the decision is described in the narrative for that unit. Portions of Units 3-157 and 13-1 (which were also proposed for intensive inventory on April 6) have been eliminated from further review after evaluating public comments and re-examining the units. Since most of the area in these units will be intensively inventoried, the reasons for the changed decisions are explained in the narratives in the "Intensive Inventory Units" section of this report.

Lakeview District

Unit 1-1

Proposed Decision: eliminate from further review.
Final Decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 9,900 acres.
Location: 18 miles north of Silver Lake.
Topography: rolling hills and broken lava flows.
Vegetation: big sagebrush; isolated stands of ponderosa pine on west border.
Developments: extensive vehicle trails; well developments; crested wheatgrass seeding on south.

Public comments relating to presence and absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should be intensively inventoried. (3)(3) - REASON
- substantially wild. (1)(1) REASON
- not a unit "which clearly does not have wilderness characteristics". (1)(1)
- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After review of public comments and existing information, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics. The listed developments are substantially noticeable and the area does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature.

Unit 1-18

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,500 acres.
Location: four miles north of Silver Lake.
Topography: low hills with broken rims.
Vegetation: big sagebrush and juniper.
Developments: 900-acre juniper chaining in western portion of unit; north-south road divides unit in half.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- substantially wild and should be included in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. There is a road going north to south which divides this unit into two

areas less than 5,000 acres, approximately 3,000 acres each. This road was identified in the report distributed with the April 6 map on the proposed decision. The two parcels are not of sufficient size to make practicable their use and preservation as wilderness.

Unit 1-19

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 5,700 acres.
Location: eight miles north of Silver Lake.
Topography: Connelly Hills rise approximately 800 feet above surrounding flat terrain.
Vegetation: sagebrush and scattered juniper.
Developments: two roads; several ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- substantially wild and should be included in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. Two roads divide the unit into parcels of less than 5,000 acres. They are not of sufficient size to make practical their use and preservation as wilderness. Because of the relatively small size and lack of topographic and vegetative screening, the unit does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. It also does not provide an outstanding opportunity for recreation.

Unit 1-20

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 9,600 acres.
Location: five miles northeast of Silver Lake.
Topography: Hayes Butte, located in the north part of the unit, is fairly rugged; the rest of the unit slopes with little relief to the surrounding flats.
Vegetation: juniper on Hayes Butte; tall grass on seeding; black greasewood in north.
Developments: 500 KV powerline inside the eastern boundary; 900-acre seeding in southern portion; roads and ways.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- substantially wild and should be included in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comments and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. There are approximately 2,500 acres in the north that remain in a natural condition. The remaining portion is divided by a road and impacted by ways, a 900-acre seeding in the southern portion, and a 500 KV powerline inside the eastern boundary; it is not generally free of the works of man. Because of the absence of topographic and vegetative screening in the majority of the area, the unit does not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also is not outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 1-35

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 14,000 acres.
Location: 35 miles northeast of Paisley.
Topography: majority is flat; some sand dunes.
Vegetation: sagebrush, greasewood.
Developments: four miles of fence, a well, a corral, ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should be intensively inventoried. (2)(2)
- clearly not an area which clearly does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comments received and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. There is a potential hazard from a chemical dump, although it is outside the unit. The western boundary actually is located 1/2 mile west of the location shown on the proposed decision map. There is a four-mile fence, a well, and corral in the western portion which detract from the naturalness of the area. Due to the generally flat topography and narrow shape of unit, the unit lacks an outstanding opportunity for solitude. It also does not provide an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 1-49

Proposed Decision: eliminate from further review.
Final Decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 18,500 acres.
Location: seven miles northwest of Alkali Lake.
Topography: rolling hills rising from a flat to Horse Mountain.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.
Developments: crested wheatgrass seedings, pipelines, wells.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. Pipelines, a well and a 6,400-acre seeding detract from the naturalness of the unit. They are substantially noticeable. The unit does not appear to be primarily affected by the forces of nature.

Unit 1-83

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 21,000 acres.
Location: three miles southwest of Alkali Lake.
Topography: low, rolling tableland with scattered rims rising to Jug Mountain.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.
Developments: 3,000-acre grass seeding, powerline, fences.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. A powerline and 3,500-acre seeding within the unit clearly detract from the naturalness of the unit. They are substantially noticeable. This unit does not appear to be primarily affected by the forces of nature.

Unit 1-91

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.

Size: 36,000 acres.
Location: 12 miles north of Plush.
Topography: flat dry lake bottom.
Vegetation: greasewood and sagebrush.
Developments: two airstrips; one bulldozed trail; numerous ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- meets minimum criteria and should be intensively inventoried. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. The numerous intrusions in the area impact natural features. The unit does not appear generally natural. The lack of vegetative and topographic screening and the narrow width of the unit precludes any outstanding opportunity for solitude. The unit does not offer an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 1-92

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,040 acres.
Location: 24 miles north of Plush.
Topography: flat dry lake bottom.
Vegetation: Greasewood and sagebrush.
Developments: no significant developments.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- meets minimum criteria. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comments received and available data, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not meet wilderness criteria. Because of its limited size, narrow width, and lack of topographic or vegetative screening, the unit does not provide an outstanding opportunity for an individual to achieve solitude from others within the unit. The unit also does not offer an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 1-97

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.

Size: 16,800 acres.
Location: on west side of Abert Lake.
Topography: moderate to steep slopes; rims in the north part.
Vegetation: non-native grass seedings in majority of unit; sagebrush in rest of unit.
Developments: seedings.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing public comment and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not meet wilderness criteria. A large seeding in the majority of the unit is a substantially noticeable imprint of man. The unit does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature.

Unit 1-99

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 43,500 acres: 37,500 acres is in Abert Lake; 6,000 acres of public land north of the lake.
Location: 20 miles north of Lakeview.
Topography: majority is lake; alkali flats to the north.
Vegetation: greasewood.
Developments: fences, water tanks.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded for reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing public comment and available information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not meet wilderness criteria. Because of the flat terrain and lack of vegetation, livestock grazing developments in the northern portion are substantially noticeable. The remaining portion of the unit is a large alkali lake which does not offer outstanding opportunities for unconfined recreation or solitude.

Unit 1-104

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 13,000 acres.
Location: about six miles east of Valley Falls.

Topography: relatively flat in west and central; rolling hills with some rims in the east.
Vegetation: remnant ponderosa pine stands with marginal juniper and low sagebrush; some aspen groves.
Developments: a major powerline; reservoirs and ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- area meets the minimum criteria and should be included in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)

Response: After review of public comment and existing data, it remains clear and obvious the unit lacks wilderness characteristics. The eastern part of the unit contains a 500 KV powerline, reservoirs and ways into the reservoirs. They are substantially noticeable, and that part of the unit does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature. The rest of the unit is relatively flat and contains scattered private inholdings, and as a result the area does not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude. The unit does not offer an outstanding opportunity for primitive and unconfined types of recreation.

Unit 1-107

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 10,900 acres.
Location: 15 miles north of Plush.
Topography: dry lake flats.
Vegetation: sagebrush, greasewood and grasses.
Developments: bulldozed rock hound pits, ways created by ORVs and rockhounding activity.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- meets minimum criteria. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded for reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comments received and available information, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. This unit has received heavy ORV and rockhound use and has numerous ways which severely impact naturalness. The unit does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature. Due to the lack of topographic and vegetative screening, this area does not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude. It does not offer an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 1-110

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 11,500 acres.
Location: five miles northwest of Plush.
Topography: rolling; steep hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass; juniper in canyons.
Developments: mines, worked mining claims in Miner's Draw, water developments, 1,500 acre crested wheatgrass seeding, and ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- area meets minimum criteria and should be intensively inventoried. (1)(1)

Response: After review of public comment and existing information, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not meet wilderness criteria. Numerous ways and water reservoirs, as well as a drilled seeding in the central portion of the unit, are substantially noticeable. The unit does not appear to have been primarily affected by the forces of nature.

Unit 1-112

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,800 acres.
Location: three miles north of Plush.
Topography: most of unit is an alkali flat.
Vegetation: greasewood and saltbush.
Developments: no substantial developments.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and existing information on the unit, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not meet the criteria for wilderness characteristics. The relatively small size of the unit, in combination with its narrow shape and flat topography, precludes any opportunity for solitude. The unit does not offer an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 1-113

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.

Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,700 acres.
Location: four miles northwest of Plush.
Topography: rolling to flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.
Developments: no significant developments.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilerness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- area meets minimum criteria. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After review of public comments and available data, it remains clear and obvious the unit lacks wilderness characteristics. The unit has a very narrow and irregular shape. Its shape, relatively small size, and limited topographic and vegetative screening preclude an outstanding opportunity for solitude. The unit does not offer an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 1-116

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 10,800 acres.
Location: five miles south of Paisley.
Topography: ridge of hills on north, sloping to flat valley on south.
Vegetation: sagebrush and scattered juniper.
Developments: mining claims with assessment work; gravel operations; sagebrush spray project and 1,800-acre crested wheatgrass seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory; take strong exception to conclusion in proposed decision. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and available information, it remains clear and obvious the area does not contain wilderness characteristics. The extensive disturbances cited above are substantially noticeable, and the unit does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature.

Unit 1-121

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.

Size: 13,180 acres.
Location: five miles southeast of Adel.
Topography: most of unit is comprised of intermittent Coleman Lake.
Vegetation: greasewood and sagebrush around lake bed.
Developments: waterholes and fences on east side.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded for the reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: After review of public comment and existing information, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics. The dry lake bed, which occupies the majority of the unit, does not offer an opportunity to avoid the presence of others in the unit. Water developments and fencelines in the east constitute significant impacts on the naturalness of the east side of the unit; it does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature.

Unit 1-122

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 7,000 acres.
Location: five miles east of Adel.
Topography: broken upland and dry lake beds; north-south rims.
Vegetation: sagebrush.
Developments: Over 2,500 acres of spray and seeding projects.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- meets minimum criteria and should be intensively inventoried. (1)(1)

Response: After reviewing comment and available information, it remains clear and obvious the unit does not contain wilderness characteristics. Approximately 2,200 acres have been seeded and sprayed. There are two roads which divide the unit into three parcels of approximately 3,480, 1,480, and 1,440 acres. These roads were identified in the report on the proposed decision. The parcels are not of sufficient size to make practical their use and preservation as wilderness. The area is not substantially free of the works of man.

Unit 1-161

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.

Size: 9,200 acres.
Location: 20 miles north of Plush.
Topography: flat ancient lake bed.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.
Developments: numerous ways, bulldozer tracks and pits.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- meets minimum criteria. (1)(1)
- not one which "clearly does not have wilderness characteristics". (1)(1)

Response: After review of comments and available information, it remains clear and obvious the area lacks wilderness characteristics. Impacts of man's activities in the area are substantial, with earthwork related to sunstone mining and numerous ways created by recreationists. The area does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature.

Comments Relating to Inventory but not Directed to Specific Inventory Units:

Horse Mountain:

The Horse Mountain area is located approximately 15 miles southwest of Wagontire. Native vegetation on the broad bottom flats and rolling hills consists of big sagebrush.

Comment:

- cluster of excluded areas around Horse Mountain (west of US 395) is shocking and should re-evaluated. (1)(1)

Response:

Units around Horse Mountain are severely impacted by vegetative manipulations and range improvements. They significantly display the works of man and are not in a natural condition.

South Warner Valley:

This area generally extends from Flagstaff Lake to Plush. Vegetation consists of sagebrush and greasewood which grow on the alkalai flats.

Comment:

- southern portion of Warner Valley should be re-evaluated; these areas may have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Response:

The units identified in Warner Valley lack either naturalness, opportunities for solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation, or both. The comment does not address identifiable lands outside these units.

Gerber Reservoir Area:

Gerber Reservoir is located in the Kalmath Mountains about 40 miles west of Lakeview. The area is forested with ponderosa pine and juniper.

Comment:

- complex of areas around (but not including) Gerber Reservoir should be intensively inventoried. (1)(1)

Response:

The units around Gerber show extensive evidence of logging operations as well as other man-made intrusions. They lack naturalness and are too small to preserve and use in an unimpaired condition.

Burns District

Unit 2-20

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,500 acres.
Location: two miles east of Drewsey.
Topography: rolling foothills, with some plateaus.
Vegetation: sagebrush and juniper.
Developments: fences; stock water reservoirs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should be intensively inventoried. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)
- should be put in the category of wilderness study area; seems to possess wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Response: The comments received for this unit provided no information which raised questions concerning the basis for the proposed decisions. Upon reviewing the comments and the available information on the area, it is clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics. The rolling sagebrush and scattered juniper covered hills in this area gently

slope to a flat top plateau in the center of the unit. Views from most points within the unit are unrestricted. Therefore, due to the general lack of topographic or vegetative screening, this area does not possess an outstanding opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation and should not be intensively inventoried.

Unit 2-22

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 7,500 acres.
Location: two miles southeast of Princeton.
Topography: flat to rolling, with scattered plateaus.
Vegetation: sagebrush.
Developments: stock water reservoirs; pipeline.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The comment received on this unit did not provide sufficient information to raise questions concerning the basis for the proposed decision. Upon careful review of the comment and the available information on this unit, it is clear that this unit does not possess wilderness characteristics. This area generally consists of flat top plateaus covered with low growing sagebrush. In addition, this very irregularly shaped unit is also surrounded entirely by private land. Therefore, due to the lack of topographic and vegetative screening and the irregular configuration of the unit boundary, it is clear that this unit does not possess an outstanding opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation and should not be intensively inventoried.

Unit 2-46

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,180 acres.
Location: 12 miles southeast of Princeton.
Topography: rolling, with some rimrock and plateau.
Vegetation: sagebrush, with some junipers.
Developments: stock water reservoirs, fences, spring developments, several ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The comment received on this unit provided no information which raised questions concerning the basis for the proposed decision. The northern portion of this unit is part of the Stockade State land exchange. The application for this exchange was filed under the authority of the Taylor Grazing Act. Because of this, the BLM is required by law to proceed with the exchange. After the exchange is completed, there will not be enough public lands remaining to make practicable their preservation as wilderness.

Unit 2-51

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 640 acres.
Location: 18 miles northwest of Riley, adjacent to Ochoco National Forest.
Topography: bench land with rimrock-lined canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, some ponderosa pine, alder, and willow.
Developments: fences, reservoirs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is contiguous to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. Therefore, the BLM lands must be considered on their own merits. The unit is not of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use as wilderness.

Unit 2-101

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two parcels of 1,200 and 240 acres.
Location: seven miles southwest of Mount Vernon, adjacent to Malheur National Forest.
Topography: very steep, north-facing slopes.
Vegetation: grass, brush, scattered stands of Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine.
Developments: jeep trail.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land, as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is contiguous to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. Therefore, the BLM lands must be considered on their own merits. The parcels are not of sufficient size to make practicable their preservation and use as wilderness.

Unit 2-104

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two parcels of 2,690 and 520 acres.
Location: 12 miles south of Dayville, adjacent to Malheur National Forest.
Topography: high, rocky bench land with some steep rims.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine; scattered Douglas-fir; some juniper; grass and brush.
Developments: fences, reservoirs, spring developments.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is contiguous to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. Therefore, the BLM lands must be considered on their own merits. The parcels are not of sufficient size to make practicable their preservation and use as wilderness.

Unit 2-106

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two parcels of 1,150 and 330 acres.
Location: 19 miles south of Dayville; adjacent to Malheur National Forest.
Topography: high bench lands and foothills.

Vegetation: ponderosa pine, brush, grass, scattered juniper.
Developments: fences, reservoirs, spring developments.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is contiguous to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. Therefore, the BLM lands must be considered on their own merits. The parcels are not of sufficient size to make practicable their preservation and use as wilderness.

Unit 2-108

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two parcels of 230 and 940 acres.
Location: eight miles south of Dayville, adjacent to Ochoco National Forest.
Topography: rocky foothills.
Vegetation: Douglas fir, ponderosa pine, grass, brush, scattered juniper.
Developments: fence.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land, as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is contiguous to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. Therefore, the BLM lands must be considered on their own merits. The parcels are not of sufficient size to make practicable their preservation and use as wilderness.

Vale District

Unit 3-7

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.

Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 5,400 acres.
Location: four miles north of Juntura.
Topography: rocky ridges with extensive rimrock.
Vegetation: native grasses.
Developments: one reservoir, five miles of fence, one mile of road.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not exclude because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

- clearly and obviously does not meet criteria for identification as wilderness. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-9

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 12,060 acres.
Location: three miles north of Jonesboro.
Topography: deep, narrow canyons and rimrock ridges.
Vegetation: native grasses and brush.
Developments: four springs, 12 miles of fence, and some ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- unit seems to possess wilderness characteristics.(1)(1)
- should not exclude because of reason listed by the BLM; consider that adjacent lands are being considered for wilderness designation. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comments did not provide

specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-10

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,690 acres.
Location: five miles northeast of Jonesboro.
Topography: flat mesas dissected by gently sloping canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush.
Developments: numerous ways, one reservoir, eight miles of fence.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-14

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,600 acres.
Location: two miles east of Westfall.
Topography: steep canyons and rims.
Vegetation: bunchgrass, crested wheatgrass.
Developments: two miles of pipeline, five miles of fence, 2,880 acres of crested wheatgrass seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- unit offers excellent solitude; eagles in vicinity; possibility of varied bird community. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is not based on a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. The reason for eliminating the unit was based upon the imprint of man's work being substantially noticeable.

The presence of rare or unusual wildlife can be considered a "supplemental value". However, since Unit 3-14 is being eliminated from further review, these concerns will be addressed under the Bureau Planning System.

Unit 3-21

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 11,040 acres.
Location: five miles west of Westfall.
Topography: rocky, rolling ridges and gently sloping ravines.
Vegetation: grasses, sagebrush, some junipers.
Developments: eight miles of fence and several ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular shape, absence of vegetative screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-23

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 5,760 acres.
Location: six miles northeast of Westfall.
Topography: rocky, rolling hills; steep hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush.
Developments: seven miles of spring; six springs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the Area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did

no provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-25

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,320 acres.
Location: four miles northeast of Westfall.
Topography: mesas dissected by steep canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush, with some junipers.
Developments: 21 miles of fence, three reservoirs, numerous springs, and 850-acre seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- unit seems to possess wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-45

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 17,400 acres.
Location: five miles east of Lake Turnbull.
Topography: flat; slightly rolling hills.
Vegetation: mainly cheatgrass, some native grasses, sagebrush.
Developments: five miles of fence, two reservoirs, several miles of ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was

determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-46

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,020 acres.
Location: nine miles north of Lake Turnbull.
Topography: broken, rimrock hills.
Vegetation: native grasses, sagebrush.
Developments: two miles of fence, one reservoir, two miles of way.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding oportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-60

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 9,020 acres.
Location: six miles northeast of Cedar Mountain.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.
Developments: three miles of pipeline, well, windmill, two reservoirs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; potential recreation and scenic value is limited. (1)(3).

Response: The final decision is based in part on the conclusion that there is no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation in the unit. Because of the area's relatively small size, narrow shape, absence

of vegetative screening, and a lack of diversity in relief, there also is no outstanding opportunity for solitude.

Unit 3-61

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 19,680 acres.
Location: seven miles northeast of Cedar Mountain.
Topography: flat; rolling hills.
Vegetation: grass and sagebrush.
Developments: nine miles of fence, four reservoirs, and a small portion of a seeding.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; too many roads, fences, and reservoirs. (1)(2)

Response: These developments plus other intrusions resulted in the decision that the imprint of man's work is substantially noticeable throughout the area.

Unit 3-62

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 7,680 acres.
Location: two miles south of Vale.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: predominantly crested wheatgrass seeding.
Developments: 5,120 acres of seeding, numerous reservoirs and ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- clearly and obviously does not meet criteria for identification as wilderness. (1)(1)

Response: Comment supports the proposed decision and the unit will be eliminated from further review.

Unit 3-63

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 5,000 acres.
Location: nine miles south of Vale.

Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: crested wheatgrass and sagebrush.
Developments: two miles of fence, two miles of pipeline, 2,400 acres of seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- clearly and obviously does not meet criteria for identification as wilderness. (1)(1)

Response: Comment supports the proposed decision and the unit will be eliminated from further review.

Unit 3-71

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 4,880 acres.
Location: four miles east of Jordan Craters.
Topography: low foothills.
Vegetation: grass and sagebrush.
Developments: 840 acres of seeding, one reservoir, and two miles of fence.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; throw out because of the size. (1)(1)

Response: The unit is less than 5,000 acres and is not of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use as wilderness in an unimpaired condition.

Unit 3-72

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,360 acres.
Location: 18 miles northwest of Jordan Valley.
Topography: foothills.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.
Developments: six miles of fence, seven reservoirs and a 1,480-acre seeding.

Public comments relating to presence and absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; surrounded by multiple use area; you can stand and see man and all of his improvements on all sides; area should not be classed as wilderness. (1)(1)

Response: Management of an area for multiple use does not disqualify it for possible designation as a wilderness study area during the inventory. Any conflicting uses would be identified and analyzed during the study phase if the area were designated a wilderness study area. However, the final decision is that the area does not have wilderness characteristics because the imprint of man's work is substantially noticeable throughout the unit.

Unit 3-101

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,700 acres.
Location: two miles east of Stockade Mountain.
Topography: flat; rolling hills.
Vegetation: bunchgrass; sagebrush; patches of juniper.
Developments: one and one-half miles of fence; two developed springs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-103

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 18,640 acres.
Location: west of Turnbull Lake.
Topography: steep hills and rimrock.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, scattered junipers.
Developments: six miles of fence, six reservoirs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory; unit seems to possess wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Response: The unit is part of the Stockade State Land Exchange. The application was filed prior to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) under the authority of the Taylor Grazing Act. The right to title to the selected lands relates back to the filing date. Thus Section 603 of the FLPMA (review of roadless areas) does not apply to this unit.

Unit 3-106

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final Decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 21,440 acres.
Location: southeast edge of Turnbull Lake; 40 miles south of Juntura.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: bunchgrass and sagebrush.
Developments: 12 miles of fence, five miles of ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory; unit seems to possess wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Response: The unit is part of the Stockade State Land Exchange. The application was filed prior to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) under the authority of the Taylor Grazing Act. The right to title to the selected lands relates back to the filing date. Thus Section 603 of the FLPMA (review of roadless areas) does not apply to this unit.

Unit 3-109

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 11,720 acres.
Location: six miles southeast of Turnbull Lake.
Topography: flat to rolling.
Vegetation: cheatgrass, bunchgrass, sagebrush.
Developments: eight miles of fence, on reservoir, two miles of way.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-115

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 10,360 acres.
Location: west of Burns Junction.
Topography: rolling foothills and flats.
Vegetation: cheatgrass, bunchgrass, and saltbush.
Developments: two material sites.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-117

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,300 acres.
Location: 11 miles southeast of Burns Junction.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: bunchgrass and sagebrush.
Developments: reservoir and wildlife guzzler.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-122

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,280 acres.
Location: five miles west of the Jordan Craters.
Topography: a lava rim with a plateau to the north and drainages breaking off to the south.
Vegetation: bunchgrass and sagebrush.
Developments: four and one half miles of fence and five reservoirs.

Public comment relating to presence and absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-129

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,360 acres.
Location: eight miles west of Jordan Valley.
Topography: broken lava flows.
Vegetation: cheatgrass, bunchgrass, and sagebrush.
Developments: reservoir, gravel pit.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-133

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 9,280 acres.
Location: 17 miles south of Jordan Valley.
Topography: rolling hills with minor drainages.
Vegetation: crested wheatgrass, sagebrush.
Developments: one mile of fence, one and one half miles of pipeline, five reservoirs, 1,500 acres of seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-137

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 9,900 acres.
Location: nine miles south of Antelope Reservoir.
Topography: flat; rolling hills.
Vegetation: crested wheatgrass, bunchgrass, sagebrush.

Developments: twelve miles of fence, seven reservoirs, one mile of pipeline, 1,000 acres of grass seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; does not qualify for wilderness because of stock water developments and maintained roads. (1)(1)

Response: These developments plus others result in the unit being eliminated due to the imprint of man's work being substantially noticeable.

Unit 3-140

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 7,740 acres.
Location: five miles southwest of Antelope Reservoir.
Topography: low rolling hills.
Vegetation: bunchgrass, sagebrush.
Developments: four miles of fence, two reservoirs.

Public coments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of the reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-147

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,560 acres.
Location: ten miles southeast of Rome.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: cheatgrass, bunchgrass.
Developments: water storage tank.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-165

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 5,360 acres.
Location: 14 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush.
Developments: three and one-half miles of fence, two reservoirs, one developed spring.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-170

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,460 acres.
Location: one mile east of Blue Mountain Pass on Highway 95.
Topography: flat.

Vegetation: sagebrush.
Developments: one mile of fence, reservoir.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-174

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 9,160 acres.
Location: nine miles northeast of Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation.
Topography: rolling hills and flats.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush.
Developments: four miles of fence, two reservoirs, one mile of pipeline.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- disagree that routes on boundaries should be considered roads; major reason for rejecting area seems to be size; changing roads on boundaries to ways would overcome that objection. (1)(1)

Response: The roads forming the boundary of this unit have been field checked and meet the road definition. All these roads have been improved (bladed), show signs of maintenance, and are used regularly by ranchers and the BLM for livestock management and by others for various reasons.

Unit 3-175

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,160 acres.
Location: eight miles southwest of Three Forks of the Owyhee River.
Topography: rolling hills and flats.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush.
Developments: seven and one half miles of fence, eight miles of pipeline.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- disagree that routes on boundaries should be considered roads; major reason for rejecting area seems to be size; changing roads on boundaries to ways would overcome that objection. (1)(1).

Response: The roads forming the boundary of this unit have been field checked and meet the road definition. All these roads have been improved (bladed), show signs of maintenance, and are used regularly by ranchers and the BLM for livestock management and by others for various reasons.

Unit 3-184

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 5,520 acres (boundary has been modified).
Location: six miles northeast of Blue Mountain Pass on Highway 95.
Topography: hills and flats.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.
Developments: one mile of fence, three reservoirs, 760 acres of seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded because of "relatively small size," --this unit is almost three times the minimum area required of a wilderness area. (1)(1)

Response: Unit 3-184 was proposed for elimination from further review due to lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude and primitive recreation. The main reasons for this decision were narrow configuration and lack of vegetative and topographic screening. However, the proposed initial inventory boundary (enclosing 14,360 acres) was found to be incorrect. With the southeastern boundary in the correct loction, 8,840 acres which were originally shown in Unit 3-184 are instead included in Unit 3-182. Unit 3-182 will be intensively inventoried. The remaining 5,520 acres in 3-184 are eliminated from further review. They do not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 3-185

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,960 acres.
Location: five miles east of Blue Mountain Pass on Highway 95.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: grass and sagebrush.

Developments: one and one half miles of fence, four reservoirs, two developed springs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-190

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 7,250 acres.
Location: eight miles east of Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation:
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.
Developments: one and one half miles of fence, one reservoir.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should be intensively inventoried. (2)(2)
- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)
- disagree that routes on boundaries should be considered roads; major reason for rejecting area seems to be size; changing roads on boundaries to ways would overcome that objection. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comments did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

The roads forming the boundary of this unit have been field checked and meet the road definition. All these roads have been improved (bladed), show signs of maintenance, and are used regularly by ranchers and the BLM for livestock management and by others for various reasons.

Unit 3-202

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 6,240 acres.
Location: seven miles east of Three Forks of the Owyhee River.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.
Developments: one reservoir.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate the unit is based upon the area's relatively small size, irregular or narrow shape, absence of vegetation screening and little diversity in relief resulting in a lack of an outstanding opportunity for solitude. There also was determined to be no outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation. The comment did not provide specific information concerning the basis for opposition to the proposed decision. After reviewing the comment and available information on the unit it remains clear that the unit does not possess wilderness characteristics.

Unit 3-204

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,400 acres in Oregon - the land is contiguous to Nevada Inventory Unit NV-020-800.
Location: five miles west of McDermitt.
Topography: rolling hills, rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.
Developments: 1,200-acre seeding, one mile of pipeline with water troughs, four miles of power and telephone line, five miles of fence, numerous rockhound mining digs, widespread mining exploration, and over nine miles of interior roads and ways.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- offers opportunities for solitude, birding, hiking, viewing wildflowers; little stone house in canyon. (1)(1)

- do not be intensively inventory; not natural because of powerline, phone line, road, range seeding, pipeline, water tanks, fences, mineral exploration activities; no outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. (1)(1)

- road has been in this area for over 50 years and has been maintained by BLM (provided a map). (1)(1)
- shows signs of man's presence and offers little opportunity for solitude; roads cross unit; fence lines, power lines and bulldozer cuts are visible from one or more locations; parts of unit within sight or earshot of U.S. Highway 95 and operating or abandoned mines. (1)(1)
- main service road in area; adjacent mine dumps and powerlines; too much disturbance and thru traffic. (1)(1)

Response: Because of the numerous intrusions in Unit 3-204, it is clear that the imprint of man's work is substanially noticeable. The area does not have wilderness characteristics and is eliminated from further wilderness review.

Unit 3-317

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,120 acres.
Location: five miles south of Vale.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: sage brush, grass.
Developments: one well, four miles of fence.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- clearly and obviously does not meet criteria for identification as wilderness. (1)(1)

Response: Comment supports the proposed decision and the unit will be eliminated from further review.

Prineville District

Unit 5-7

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 8,000 acres.
Location: west of Grass Valley along Deschutes River.
Topography: several steep and winding canyons with basalt escarpments.
Vegetation: grass and sagebrush.
Developments: no significant developments.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- description of area is similar to Diamond Peak Wilderness Area; road and railroad are outside the area. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded for reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; does not have wilderness characteristics but should be preserved. (1)(1)

Response: Disregarding the railroad and road on the edge of the unit, the unit clearly and obviously does not have wilderness characteristics. The unit does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude because its restrictive size, shape (from 1 - 2 1/2 miles in width) and topography would confine visitors to the dry washes, making it difficult to avoid others. The lack of vegetative screening on the open and exposed hillsides would limit opportunities for visitors to avoid seeing one another. The area does not offer outstanding opportunities for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Unit 5-12

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 840 acres.
Location: 12 miles southwest of Dayville; adjacent to Ochoco National Forest.
Topography: draws draining north slopes of Ochoco Mountains.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper; ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir in draws.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land, as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: This inventory unit was not recommended to be intensively inventoried because it lacks sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Unit 5-12 was contiguous to a U.S.F.S. RARE II area. The portion of the RARE II area contiguous to the inventory unit was designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The BLM unit, in and of itself, does not meet any of the size criteria set forth in BLM's wilderness inventory procedures handbook.

Unit 5-13

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.

Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 520 acres.
Location: seven miles southeast of Dayville; adjacent to Ochoco National Forest.
Topography: draws draining north slopes of Ochoco Mountains.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, white fir, western larch.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should be intensively inventoried. (1)(1)

Response: This inventory unit was not recommended to be intensively inventoried because it lacks sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Unit 5-13 is contiguous to a U.S.F.S. RARE II area. The portion of the RARE II area contiguous to the inventory unit was designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The BLM unit, in and of itself, does not meet any of the size criteria set forth in BLM's wilderness inventory procedures handbook.

Unit 5-29

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two parcels containing 160 acres.
Location: 17 miles southwest of Mitchell; adjacent to Ochoco National Forest.
Topography: slopes of 10 to 40 percent in one parcel; little relief in other parcel.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, white fir, western larch, grass.
Developments: both parcels have been logged.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: This inventory unit was not recommended to be intensively inventoried because it lacks sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Unit 5-29 is contiguous to a U.S.F.S. RARE II area. The portion of the RARE II area contiguous to the inventory unit was designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The BLM unit, in and of itself, does not meet any of the size criteria set forth in BLM's wilderness inventory procedures handbook.

Units 5-70 through 5-75

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.

Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: these islands range in size from 1 to 9 acres.
Location: in lower Deschutes River from Sherars Bridge to three miles north of Mack's Canyon recreation site.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: alder, willows, native grasses, sedges, and sagebrush.
Developments: roads and railroad within 200 yards.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- must express concern over excluding islands. Include them in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)
- unit 5-71 should not be excluded; it contains only red cedars in Deschutes Canyon. (1)(1)

Response: These islands are not of a sufficient size to make practicable their preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. The lack of topographic relief and vegetative screening voids any opportunities to experience an outstanding opportunity for solitude. The islands do not offer an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

Because of the frequent passage of trains and motorized vehicles within 200 yards of the islands, they are not substantially free of the imprints of man. Motorized river running also occurs on a regular basis within 50 yards of the islands.

The cedars on Cedar Island may have ecological or scientific value, but these "supplemental" values, in and of themselves, are not sufficient grounds for establishment of a wilderness study area. A wilderness study area must be substantially free of the imprints of man and offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. These islands do not meet those criteria.

Baker District

Unit 6-4

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 2,800 acres.
Location: 15 miles northeast of Baker.
Topography: rolling hills cut by Powder River Canyon, which is several hundred feet deep; basalt outcrops occur in canyon.
Vegetation: sagebrush, crested wheatgrass, cheatgrass, riparian vegetation, a few ponderosa pine.
Developments: two major diversion dams, irrigation canals, mine tailings and abandoned buildings.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should be intensively inventoried. (2)(2)
- size is not a viable reason for not considering wilderness study for area. (1)(1)

- should not be intensively inventoried. (7)(6)
- area does not offer outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive and unconfined type of recreation; should be managed for high raptor population and scenic attributes. (1)(1)
- three roads in canyon-two used to maintain ditches and one old mining road. (1)(1)
- three major diversion dams in Powder River and two and three-quarter miles of major canals. (2)(1)
- do not feel area meets wilderness qualities. (1)(1)
- has a high bald and golden eagle winter population and other raptors nest in canyon; manage in order to preserve "back country" character. (1)(1)

Response: The area is being excluded due to the imprints of man. Irrigation dams, ditches, mining shacks and dumps, ways and seedings are substantially noticeable throughout the unit.

Units 6-5, 6-6, 6-7, and 6-9

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: six parcels totaling 2,780 acres.
Location: 15 miles northwest of Baker.
Topography: very steep; hog-backed ridges, rock outcroppings.
Vegetation: Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, sagebrush.
Developments: cabins, mine dumps and structures, test pits, abandoned roads, and accelerated erosion caused by mining.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be intensively inventoried. (5)(4)
- road to Pine Creek Reservoir Dam is now considered to be a public use road by the Roadmaster; total area is not much over half the 5,000 acre requirement; extensive mining activity; most of area has been logged; person can hear and see man's activity in Baker Valley from more than 75% of the area. (2)(1)
- Hunt Mountain is used by a large number of elk and is being considered for goat releases; preserve "back country" character. (1)(1)
- areas do not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; consider RNA on Hunt Mountain. (1)(1)
- rare and endangered plants should be protected; consider for RNA. (1)(1)

- should be intensively inventoried. (3)(3)
- this area (Hunt Mountain) would complement the nearby Elkhorn Mountains USFS RARE II roadless area for wilderness study. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded; it contains rare or endangered plants. (1)(1)

Response: These areas were included in the initial inventory because they border a Forest Service RARE II unit. The President concurred with the Secretary of Agriculture's recommendation that this RARE II unit be administered for values and resources other than wilderness. The unit is fragmented into five separate pieces of BLM-administered land, all less than 5,000 acres. None of them are of sufficient size to make practicable their use and preservation as wilderness.

The presence of rare, threatened and/or endangered plants will be considered the land use plans prepared for the area.

Unit 6-12

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 2,120 acres of public land.
Location: on Grande Ronde River, 10 miles upstream from Troy.
Topography: steep, with jagged basalt outcroppings and ledges.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, brush, and annual grasses.
Developments: five percent of area has been logged.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- Grande Ronde Canyon is wild as a bear's ass and was improperly excluded; correct this. (1)(1)
- work of man substantially unnoticeable; steep land on both sides of river and absence of a road gives a feeling of primitive remoteness to the river drifter; when combined with 19,000 acres in adjacent USFS RARE II area #6267, this area offers opportunities for solitude; small portion logged in past with short spur road-will heal with time. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; does not offer outstanding opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; should be maintained as a primitive area, however. (1)(1)

Response: This unit adjoins a Forest Service Rare II area which the President has decided will be managed for values and resources other than wilderness. Regardless of how wild Unit 6-12 may be, in and of itself, it does not form a unit of sufficient size to be practicable to use and preserve as wilderness.

Salem District

Unit 8-2

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: three parcels of 80, 75, and 30 acres.
Location: 20 miles south of Tillamook, contiguous to Suislaw National Forest.
Topography: moderate to steep slopes in mountainous terrain.
Vegetation: Douglas-fir forest, with red alder and scattered cedars and maples.
Developments: none

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; man's imprint unnoticeable; outstanding opportunities for solitude; should be considered with contiguous RARE II unit. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; does not have wilderness characteristics. (3)(3)
- too public and would not provide solitude. (1)(1)

Response: The imprint of man's work is substantially unnoticeable in the three parcels of this unit. However, the unit is not of sufficient size to make practicable its use and preservation in an unimpaired condition. Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to RARE II lands designated for multiple uses other than wilderness. The limited size of the three parcels of the unit would not provide a user an outstanding opportunity for solitude. No outstanding opportunities for primitive recreational activities were identified.

Unit 8-3

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two parcels of 512 and 1,152 acres.
Location: ten miles northeast of Mill City, contiguous to Willamette National Forest.
Topography: steep to very steep mountainous terrain; numerous basalt slides, talus slopes, rock outcrops.
Vegetation: sparse stands of Douglas-fir and western hemlock; widely scattered stands of Sitka alder.

Developments: hiking trail on 1,152-acre parcel.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; no man-made features; provides outstanding solitude and primitive unconfined recreation; should be judged with contiguous RARE II area. (2)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; does not have wilderness characteristics. (3)(3)
- too public and would not provide solitude. (1)(1)

Response: The imprint of man's work is substantially unnoticeable in the two land parcels of this unit. However, the unit is not of sufficient size to make practicable its use and preservation in an unimpaired condition. Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to RARE II lands designated for multiple uses other than wilderness. The limited size of the unit's two parcels would not provide a user an outstanding opportunity for solitude. No outstanding opportunities for primitive recreational activities were identified.

Unit 8-5

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: three parcels of 80, 42, and 40 acres.
Location: near Zigzag and Welches, contiguous to Mount Hood National Forest.
Topography: steep mountainous terrain.
Vegetation: Douglas-fir-western hemlock forest.
Developments: hiking trail on 80-acre parcel.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; area is contiguous to RARE II area and should be considered with respect to total area; man's imprint unnoticeable; provides outstanding opportunities for solitude. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; does not have wilderness characteristics. (3)(3)
- too public and would not provide solitude. (1)(1)

Response: The imprint of man's work is substantially unnoticeable in the three land parcels of this unit. However, the unit is not of sufficient

size to make practicable its use and preservation in an unimpaired condition. Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to RARE II lands designated for multiple uses other than wilderness. The limited size of the unit's three parcels would not provide a user an outstanding opportunity for solitude. No outstanding opportunities for primitive recreational activities were identified.

Unit 8-6

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 14-acre island.
Location: in Willamette River, five miles southwest of Oregon City.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: cottonwood, maple shrubs.
Developments: none on island; eleven houses within 1,500 feet-four within 300 feet; railroad within 900 feet-highway adjacent to railroad; river is intensively used by pleasure boaters; tugboats move log booms past island.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- area was excluded because of purity doctrine. Please include it in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; the area does not have wilderness characteristics. (3)(3)
- too public and would not provide solitude. (1)(1)

Response: The unit is not of sufficient size to make practicable its use and preservation as wilderness. The unit clearly lacks an outstanding opportunity for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. This river island is approximately 2,300 feet long by no greater than 300 feet wide. Its highly linear configuration, in combination with its small size, does not permit users an outstanding opportunity for solitude. Additionally, there are several motorized pleasure boats moored within 100 feet of the island's west shoreline, railroad tracks and a paved highway within 900 feet on the opposite river bank, and extensive use of the river on both channels surrounding the island by a combination of motorized commercial log boom river traffic and motorized and non-motorized pleasure boaters. These imprints of man are substantially noticeable.

Unit 8-7

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 26-acre island.
Location: in Willamette River, five miles southwest of Salem.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: cottonwoods and shrubs.
Developments: none on island; nearby lands are farmed; eleven houses within 1,500 feet; railroad within 300 feet-road adjacent to railroad; river is extensively used by pleasure boaters.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- area was excluded because of purity doctrine. Please include it in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; the area does not have wilderness characteristics. (4)(4)
- too public and would not provide solitude. (1)(1)
- protect as park or wild area. (1)(1)

Response: The island is not of sufficient size, given its location, to make practicable its use and preservation as wilderness. The unit clearly lacks an outstanding opportunity for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. Approximately five acres of this flat river island has a linear area supporting cottonwoods and various shrub species. The remainder of the unit is sparsely vegetated and subject to periodic flooding. This insufficient vegetative and topographic screening, respective to the unit's limited size, does not provide an outstanding opportunity for solitude. A highway and adjacent railroad supporting daily traffic within 300 feet of the island and the extensive use of both channels surrounding the island by motorized and non-motorized pleasure boats are substantially noticeable imprints of man's work.

Unit 8-8

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 61 1/2 acres.
Location: in Willamette River, 12 miles southwest of Salem.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: grass with widely scattered trees in south; cottonwood, maple, ash, willow, and shrubs in north.
Developments: picnic tables, two toilets and trails; adjacent lands are farmed and used for residential purposes; two highways are located within 300 and 1,000 feet; fifteen houses are located within 1,500 feet; Buena Vista Ferry is 200 feet upriver.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; reasons given by BLM for excluding unit are not adequate. (2)(2)

- do not intensively inventory. (5)(5)
- too public and would not provide solitude. (1)(1)
- doesn't have wilderness characteristics. (3)(3)
- protect as a park or wild area. (1)(1)

Response: Given its shape and location, the island is not of sufficient size to make practicable its use and preservation in an unimpaired condition.

The unit clearly lacks an outstanding opportunity for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. This flat river island has a very linear configuration which tapers to very narrow dimensions on its downriver end. More than 60% of the unit is sparsely vegetated with trees, shrubs and grasses. The limited topographic relief and amount of sparse vegetation in relation to the size of the unit, in combination with features of its configuration, would not screen visitors from each other sufficiently to provide an outstanding opportunity for solitude. The extensive use of both channels surrounding the island by motorized and non-motorized pleasure boats, and an annual average of 152 trips per day, 327 days per year, of the Buena Vista river ferry 200 feet upriver from the island represent unavoidable, substantially noticeable imprints of man's work.

Comments Relating to Inventory but not Directed to Specific Inventory Units:

Salem District

Angel's Rest:

Angel's Rest is located in the Columbia Gorge approximately one mile west of the town of Multnomah Falls. It is included within a 530-acre parcel of public domain land administered by the BLM which borders contiguous U.S. Forest Service lands. The topography is very steep.

Comments:

- neglected to inventory this area adjacent to Columbia Gorge because Forest Service failed to inventory it in RARE II. (1)(1)

Response:

The 530-acre BLM-administered parcel, in and of itself, is not of sufficient size to make practicable its use and preservation as wilderness. The

adjacent National Forest land cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness review because it has not been designated wilderness, recommended for wilderness, or designated for further planning.

Eugene District

Unit 9-1

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: five and one-half acre island.
Location: in the McKenzie River, approximately six air-miles east of Vida.
Topography: generally flat.
Vegetation: mixed hardwoods and conifers with an understory of brush, ferns and moss.
Developments: a 115 KV powerline with 100-foot wide clearcut right-of-way extends across the island; highway 126 follows the east bank of the river.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; the area does not have wilderness characteristics. (3)(3)
- too public and would not provide solitude. (1)(1)

Response: The comments support the initial conclusion that the unit lacks wilderness characteristics.

Comments relating to Inventory but not Directed to Specific Inventory Units:

Eugene District:

Windy Peak:

Windy Peak is located approximately 28 miles west of Eugene. The area is heavily timbered, very steeply sloping mountainous terrain.

Comments:

- area should be preserved as wilderness to protect wildlife (3)(3), watershed (1) (1), plants (1) (1). Area is used for primitive recreation and contains fish spawning grounds, bear, deer, elk, smaller animals. (1)(1)

Response:

The area contains approximately 5,950 roadless acres of Bureau-managed lands. Of this, approximately 5,513 acres, or 93% of the total area, are Oregon and California Revested Railroad Grant lands capable of being managed for commercial forest production, and are exempt by law from the mandatory wilderness review provisions of the Federal Land and Policy Management Act. The remaining 337 acres are comprised of 89 acres of public domain land and 248 acres of O&C land not capable of being managed for commercial timber production. They are scattered in units of insufficient size to make practicable their preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

Concerns for protection of wildlife, watershed and vegetation, as well as recreation use, will be addressed in environmental analyses prepared for timber harvest and other land management activities proposed in the area.

Medford District

Unit 11-6

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: a 120-acre tract and a 600-acre tract.
Location: six miles south of Williams.
Topography: steep and mountainous.
Vegetation: conifers and brush.
Developments: Clapboard Gulch (Grayback) Trail crosses unit.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should be intensively inventoried. (6)(221)
- unit is natural; only development is a trail; offers solitude because of its remoteness; unexplored botanical and geological areas and views of mountains offer outstanding opportunity for primitive and unconfined type of recreation; wilderness designation would protect watershed, old-growth gene pool, and ecosystem; adjacent to USFS RARE II area - premature to eliminate this area since RARE II not concluded. (1)(1).
- designation of this area and adjacent USFS land as wilderness would protect watershed, give refuge to wildlife, and add to fabric of our lives. (1)(215).
- no roads; only drawback is that it is smaller than required size; isolated, solitude; refuge for wildlife and man. (1)(1)
- adjacent to potential Kangaroo (Red Buttes) wilderness area in national forest. (2)(3).
- unique botanical area. (1)(2)
- area has opportunity to remain a solitude, primitive area. (1)(1)

Response: The unit is not eliminated because of a lack of naturalness. The unit is eliminated from wilderness review because it is too small to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

Considerations such as watershed and wildlife habitat may be properly addressed as "supplemental values" during wilderness inventory. Since this unit is eliminated from further wilderness review, these concerns will be considered in future land use plans prepared for the area.

This unit is adjacent to RARE II lands which were not recommended by the President for wilderness or designated for further planning. Contiguous national forest land will not be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory unless they are designated wilderness, recommended for wilderness, or designated for further planning.

Unit 11-8

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 1,440 acres.
Location: two and one-half miles northwest of Cave Junction.
Topography: mountainous
Vegetation: coniferous forest and brush.
Developments: off-road vehicle tracks.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- area should not be excluded simply because it is next to USFS RARE II lands not selected by Secretary of Agriculture for wilderness. (1)(1)

Response: This unit is eliminated because its size is too small to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Unit 11-8 is adjacent to RARE II lands which were not recommended by the President for wilderness or designated for further planning. Contiguous national forest lands will not be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory unless they are already wilderness, recommended for wilderness, or designated for further planning.

Unit 11-9

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 680 acres.
Location: one mile west of Selma.
Topography: steep; narrow ridges.

Vegetation: coniferous forest; oak and brush at lower elevations.
Developments: Off-road vehicle tracks.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- area should not be excluded simply because it is next to USFS RARE II lands not selected by the Secretary of Agriculture for wilderness. (1)(1)

Response: This unit is eliminated because its size is too small to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. Unit 11-9 is adjacent to RARE II lands which were not recommended by the President for wilderness or designated for further planning. Contiguous national forest lands will not be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory unless they are already wilderness, recommended for wilderness, or designated for further planning.

Comments Relating to Inventory but not Directed to Specific Inventory Units:

Medford District

Whiskey Creek:

The Whiskey Creek area is located just outside the northeast boundary of Unit 11-16. The steep mountainous terrain is forested with stands of commercial coniferous timber, mixed hardwoods and open brushfields.

Comment:

- failed to inventory; please do so. (1)(1)

Response:

Revested O&C lands capable of being managed for commercial timber production on a sustained yield basis are exempt from the wilderness review provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Although over 5,000 acres of unroaded land exist in the Whiskey Creek drainage, much of the land meets the above criteria for exempted lands. The remaining land is under 5,000 acres and is not of sufficient size to make practicable its use and preservation as wilderness.

Coos Bay District

Unit 12-2

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.

Size: 2,020 acres.
Location: Wassen Creek drainage; north of Umpqua River and northeast of Reedsport, in the Coast Range.
Topography: less than 1,000 feet total relief from narrow, sinuous ridgelines to steep V-shaped mountain valley bottoms.
Vegetation: dense coniferous forest Douglas-fir hemlock with dense understory.
Developments: none

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- few roadless areas in western Oregon, wilderness option should not be foreclosed. (1)(1)
- fragile soils area at Wassen Lake should be designated as wilderness in order to provide wildlife and watershed protection without conflicting with timber production. (1)(1)

Response: In and of themselves, the areas within the Wassen Creek drainage which are eligible for wilderness review are not of sufficient size to be practicable for preservation and use as wilderness.

The areas are inventoried because they were adjacent to U.S. Forest Service RARE II area #6157. The area was subsequently designated for multiple use other than wilderness. Contiquous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated as wilderness, or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning.

Unit 12-3

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 420 acres of public land (one-half of a sandbar).
Location: a sandbar at the mouth of the New River, on the Pacific Coast.
Topography: low foredunes.
Vegetation: European beach grass, scattered coastal shrubs, occasional Sitka spruce.
Developments: none

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- might have wilderness characteristics; include it in the intensive inventory. (1)(1)
- high quality wildlife area of dunes, estuary, and marsh; valuable habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds-includes whistling swans, snowy plovers, and possibility of Aleutian Canada geese during migration. (1)(1)

Response: The sandbar is not of sufficient size to qualify for wilderness study. Under normal circumstances the sandbar is connected to the mainland at one or both ends, even at high water. The sandbar is separated from the mainland only during winter runoff periods when New River breaches two outlets to the ocean. This occurs once every three to five years. The sandbar contains rare plants, threatened snowy plover nesting habitat, and archaeologic sites. These values will be considered in land use plans proposed for the area.

Spokane District

Unit 13-13

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two islands of about one acre each.
Location: Mountain Lake in Moran State Park, Orcas Island, San Juan County, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: Coniferous overstory with dense underbrush.
Developments: none on either island; however, the lake shore contains a campground, boat ramp, small marina, a road and hiking trails.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- surrounded by human activity, accessible. (1)(1)

Response: Substantial man-made intrusions do not exist on either island. However, because of their small size and closeness to shore where major use of the State Park occurs, their use and preservation as wilderness would not be practicable. Because of their small size, they do not offer outstanding opportunitiess for solitude. In addition, the size and dense vegetation would limit any outstanding opportunities for primitive unconfined recreation.

Unit 13-42

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 30 islands totaling 350 acres.
Location: at mouth of North and South forks of the Skagit River in Skagit Bay, five miles southwest of Mt. Vernon.
Topography: flat, semi-marshy.
Vegetation: grasses.
Developments: none on islands. Houses, barns, and roads nearby.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- appears to be worthy of consideration for intensive inventory. (1)(1)
- should not be excluded because of reasons given by the BLM. (1)(1)
- heavily used by waterfowl and other birdlife (including whistling swans, snowgeese, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, great blue herons, etc.). (1)(1)

Response: Opportunities for solitude are limited due to the flat topography, relatively small size, and sparse vegetation. The wet, marshy, muddy condition of the islands limit any outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation activities. The naturalness of the islands is significantly affected by the nearby presence of farms, dikes, highways, community developments, and boat traffic. The unit does have wildlife values, but these values are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness or outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-43

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: a five-acre and a 15-acre gravel bar.
Location: in Skagit River four miles downstream from Rockport, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: dense cover of small deciduous trees and shrubs.
Developments: none on islands. A road and building within 50 yards on one bank; a paved highway and railroad within 5 yards on other bank.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- suitable for primitive recreation. (1)(1)
- marginal eagle use. (1)(1)

Response: Although the unit itself is substantially natural, the flat topography, the small, narrow size of the islands, and the closeness of the islands to developments on the river shoreline, all contribute to the decision to drop it from further review. The size, width, and topography eliminate any opportunities for solitude and would significantly limit outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation activities. The developments on shore are substantially noticeable.

This unit may have wildlife values; however, these are regarded as supplemental wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness or outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-45

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: a five-acre and a ten-acre island.
Location: one is in Skagit River downstream from Marblemount; the other is in Cascade River upstream from Marblemount and confluence of the Cascade and Skagit Rivers.
Topography: flat
Vegetation: dense cover of small deciduous trees and shrubs.
Developments: none on islands. Gravel roads on river banks. Structures and a paved highway within one-quarter mile.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- suitable for primitive recreation. (1)(1)
- probable eagle use. (1)(1)

Response: The relatively small size and flat topography would seriously detract from any opportunities for solitude and limit opportunities for primitive recreation activities. The unit is eliminated from further review because it does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreation.

This unit may have wildlife values; however, these are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness or outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-46

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.

Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 40 acre island.
Location: on Davis Slough, one mile west of Stanwood, Washington.
Topography: mudflat.
Vegetation: low grasses and salt marsh.
Developments: cultivated fields, houses, roads, and highway within one quarter mile.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- area should not be excluded from further review because of developments. Similar situations exist in Oregon Islands Wilderness. (1)(1)
- possible eagle roost, nearby nest. (1)(1)

Response: The final decision to eliminate the island from further review is not based on the presence of nearby man-made developments. The unit itself is substantially natural. However, the generally flat topography, lack of vegetative screening, and overall muddy condition of the island, would not provide an outstanding opportunity for solitude or any outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation activities.

This unit may have wildlife values; however, these are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness or outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-49

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: one island of five acres.
Location: mouth of the Dungeness River at the town of Dungeness, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: none.
Developments: none on island itself. Some houses are located within 30 feet across one fork of the river.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- island is possible harbor seal haul out site.

Response: The island is being eliminated from further review because it does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation due to flat topography, lack of vegetative cover

and wet conditions. Wildlife values may exist, but these values, in and of themselves, are not sufficient reason to designate a wilderness study area.

Unit 13-52

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: three groups of rock containing a total of five acres.
Location: 100 to 300 yards off-short from Olele Point in Admiral Inlet, Jefferson County, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: little to none.
Developments: navigation marker on each group of rocks. Other man-made developments onshore.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- Colvos Rocks are a major seal haul out area. (1)(1)

Response: This unit, made up of flat rocks with little to no vegetation within 100 yards of Olele Point, offers no opportunity for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Navigation markers on each group of rocks are a significant intrusion on the naturalness of the islands. Wildlife values present are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness or outstanding opportunities for primitive unconfined recreation.

Unit 13-54

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two groups of rocks containing one acre.
Location: off-shore from the town of Kalaloch, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: none.
Developments: none on rocks themselves. The town of Kalaloch is located within 300 yards.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- seabird roost at low tide. (1)(1)

Response: The decision to eliminate this unit from further review was based on the lack of opportunities for solitude or primitive

unconfined recreation due to the unit being flat rocks with no vegetation and awash at high tide. The unit is within 300 yards of the town of Kalaloch, and the imprints of man are substantially noticeable. Wildlife values present on the unit are considered as "supplemental" values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-55

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: an island of about one-half acre.
Location: Grays Harbor about five miles west of Hoquiam, WA.
Topography: vertical sides and a flat top.
Vegetation: low vegetative cover.
Developments: none.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- Neds Rock does not have wilderness characteristics; was used as a bomb target during WWII. (1)(1)
- Newcomb's littorine snail may inhabit this island. (1)(1)

Response: There are no significant man-made impacts on the island which would affect the naturalness of the island itself. The decision to eliminate it from further review is based on a lack of vegetative or topographic screening and small size which severely limit opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Wildlife values which may be present are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and, in and of themselves, are not sufficient reason to designate a wilderness study area. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-56

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: one five acre island.
Location: in Grays Harbor about seven miles west of Hoquiam, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: low shrub and grass patches.
Developments: none on island. Island is in flight path of Hoquiam Airport and is near shipping lanes.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (1)(1)
- important area for gull and tern nesting; major seal haulout area. (2)(2)
- one of few Caspian tern nesting areas in Washington; Newcomb's littorine snail may inhabit this unit.(1)(1)
- some designation to protect wildlife would be beneficial.(1)(1)

Response: This unit is substantially natural. It is flat with low vegetative growth. Opportunities for solitude are nearly nonexistent because of the island's small size and lack of topographic and vegetative screening. Because of the makeup of the island and the surrounding muddy areas, little opportunity exists for primitive or unconfined recreation. Wildlife values are known to exist, but these are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness, solitude or primitive recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-57

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: 10 islands totaling 100 acres.
Location: South Bay section of Grays Harbor.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: low grass, brush.
Developments: one island is close to marina; others are next to highway bridge.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should be intensively inventoried. (2)(2)
- should not be excluded for reasons given by the BLM. (1)(1)
- probable eagle use--nearby nest; Newcomb's littorine snail may inhabit this unit. (1)(1)
- heavily used by waterfowl and shorebirds. (1)(1)

Response: While the works of man are substantially unnoticeable upon the islands themselves, the lack of vegetative screening, flat topography and small size, severely limit opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. The unit has been identified as having significant wildlife values, but these values are considered as "supplemental" wilderness characteristics and are not sufficient reasons, in and of themselves, to designate a wilderness study area.

Unit 13-58

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: an island of one-half acre.
Location: Willapa River at South Bend, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: patches of low shrubs and grass.
Developments: none on island. There are numerous man-made intrusions, including houses, a railroad, highway and powerline on-shore within 100 yards of the island.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- South Bend Island does not have wilderness characteristics; little recreational use; wildlife use is probably limited to songbirds. (1)(1)

Response: The island itself is substantially natural, but man's imprints on the nearby shore are substantially noticeable. The small size, flat topography, and lack of vegetative screening would severely limit opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. The island is not of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use as wilderness. Protection of any wildlife values, which are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values, will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-64

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: two islands containing a total of ten acres.
Location: Okanagan River about eight miles downstream from Tonasket, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: scattered trees and low shrubs.
Developments: none on islands. There is a railroad track, gravel road and trail on adjacent river banks.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- marginal bald eagle winter use. (1)(1)

Response: This unit, low sandy islands with scattered trees and low shrub cover, offers little vegetative screening, which together with their generally small size would severely limit opportunities for solitude. Opportunities for primitive unconfined recreation would also be limited for the same reasons. Major developments on the nearby shoreline are substantially noticeable. The islands are not of sufficient size to make

practicable their use and preservation as wilderness. Wildlife values present on these islands are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness or outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-65

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: three islands containing less than ten acres.
Location: north side of Sprague Lake in Lincoln County, WA.
Topography: fairly flat but two islands have high knobs.
Vegetation: low tree cover with grass on the knobs.
Developments: the largest island has a cabin while the others have no developments. There is a railroad track on the adjacent shoreline and Interstate 90 is about one-quarter mile away.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- marginal bald eagle winter use. (1)(1)

Response: Two of the three islands have no significant man-made intrusions, but the third has a cabin built on it which substantially affects the naturalness of the unit. The islands are flat-topped knobs with grass and short trees as vegetative cover and very close to the shoreline. Opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation are very limited because of the size and vegetation. In addition, railroad tracks on the adjacent shoreline and Interstate 90 passing within one-quarter mile, are substantially noticeable. The wildlife values of this unit are considered "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the major wilderness characteristics of solitude or primitive recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Unit 13-66

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: four islands consisting of about 15 acres.
Location: in the Yakima River between Benton City and Prosser, WA.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: willow and grass cover.
Developments: none on islands. All are located close to man-made developments on adjacent shores.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- valuable to wildlife; should have wilderness designation. (1)(1)

Response: These islands, while lacking substantially noticeable works of man themselves, are all in very close vicinity to such substantially noticeable intrusions as highways, houses, and railroad tracks. The islands' relatively small size, flat topography, and low vegetative screening would seriously restrict any opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. The islands have been identified as having wildlife values present, but these values are considered "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect wilderness characteristics of naturalness, solitude, and primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations. The islands are not of sufficient size to make practicable their use and preservation as wilderness.

Unit 13-68

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: eliminate from further review.
Size: eight islands totaling 50 acres.
Location: in Northsack River near Maple Falls.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: low, sparse srub cover.
Developments: each is within one-quarter mile of a road; one is within 200 yards of a highway bridge; one is located next to a gravel pit; one is close to homes.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be excluded for reasons given by the BLM. (1)(1).
- prime winter eagle use area. (1)(1)

Response: This unit consists of several islands made up of fairly large boulders with short, patchy, deciduous brush. The islands are all of small size with no real vegetative screening. Because of the size, flat topography, and lack of vegetative screening the unit clearly lacks any outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. Substantially noticeable developments such as highways, bridges, developed campgrounds, houses, gravel pits, and river dredgings, are in very close proximity to the islands.

This unit may have wildlife values; however these are regarded as "supplemental" wilderness values and do not affect the wilderness characteristics of naturalness or outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. Protection of significant wildlife values will be considered through other possible protective designations.

Section 2

Intensive Inventory Units

Intensive inventory units for which the decisions were revised or public comments on wilderness characteristics were received are described in this section.

All units to be intensively inventoried are listed in Part C.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WE RECEIVED RELATING TO WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS IN THESE UNITS ARE BEING USED BY THE TEAMS CONDUCTING THE INENSIVE INVENTORY THIS SUMMER. FOR EXAMPLE, RESERVOIRS, WATER PIPELINES, GRASS SEEDINGS, AND OTHER IMPRINTS OF MAN MENTIONED IN THE COMMENTS ARE BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH THEY DETRACT FROM THE UNITS' NATURALNESS.

Several people told us that certain units contain roads. The inventory teams are checking each of the routes mentioned. If a road divides a unit into smaller subunits, this will be taken into consideration during the inventory. Others commented that some routes between intensive inventory units do not meet the road definition in BLM's Wilderness Inventory Procedures Handbook. These routes will be re-examined. If such a route does not meet the road definition, the units will be merged.

THE FACT THAT THESE UNITS ARE BEING CARRIED INTO INTENSIVE INVENTORY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN INDICATION THAT WE NECESSARILY AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO DATE. IN ALL CASES, THE UNITS ARE BEING INTENSIVELY INVENTORIED BECAUSE A THOROUGH, ON-THE-GROUND EXAMINATION IS NEEDED BEFORE IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHETHER THEY POSSESS WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS.

Lakeview District

Unit 1-38

Proposed Decision: intensively inventory
Final Decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 39,000 acres.
Location: 15 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: low hills; shallow, sometimes steep-sided canyons; hills in north.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper; grass seeding.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(11)

- area contains many man-made improvements including seedings, roads, fences, waterholes. (3)(11)
- no solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. (2)(10)

Unit 1-52

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 19,200 acres.
Location: 15 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: high north-south rim; dry lake to east; rolling to the west.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass; greasewood in east.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory because of cabin, main road, waterholes and fences in area; no solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation opportunity. (1)(9)

Unit 1-53

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 23,000 acres.
Location: 12 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling upland cut by steep draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man-made improvements include two ranches, maintained roads, waterholes, fences, corrals, seedings and wells (maps provided); no opportunity for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. (3)(11)

Unit 1-54

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,920 acres.
Location: 23 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: high rims; flat, narrow valleys.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory because of roads and water developments; no solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. (1)(9)

Unit 1-58

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 102,000 acres of public land.
Location: five miles north of Paisley.
Topography: alkali lake and flats in west; high mountain ridge in the east.
Vegetation: greasewood, saltbush; sagebrush on Mt. Diablo.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- boundary through middle of Summer Lake seems arbitrary; entire lake should be included. (1)(1)

Unit 1-67

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,040 acres.
Location: 23 miles east of Summer Lake.
Topography: broken uplands with rimrock; shallow draws; small dry lakes.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory because of road, water development and division fence in area; no solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. (1)(9)

Unit 1-71

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 26,080 acres.
Location: 20 miles south of Wagontire.
Topography: dry lake bed with a sharp high rim.
Vegetation: crested wheatgrass in west; sagebrush above rim; sagebrush, grass and scattered junipers in east.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(11)
- area contains private buildings, powerline, state maintenance, private land. (1)(9)
- due to long narrow shape of unit, traffic on roads and lack of vegetative screening and diversity of relief, there is no opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation. (1)(1)
- extensive road system, grass test plots, many man-made watering holes; many roads are primitive but used nevertheless; area is desolate, not necessarily offering outstanding opportunities for recreation. (1)(1)

Unit 1-72

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,920 acres.
Location: 20 miles south of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling terrain, rising to Juniper Mountain.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass; juniper on slopes of Juniper Mountain.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(10)
- area includes main road around Juniper Mountain, Clark's Cabin, fences, springs and waterhole developments. (1)(9)
- extensive road system, grass test plots, many man-made watering holes; many roads are primitive but used nevertheless. (1)(1)
- lack of opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10)

Unit 1-73

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 17,280 acres.
Location: 18 miles south of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling; deep canyon at Packsaddle Draw.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man-made features include roads, waterholes, fences, reservoirs, and grass test plots. (3)(11)
- no solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10).

Unit 1-74

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,760 acres.
Location: 22 miles south of Wagontire.
Topography: broken upland with rimrocks, shallow draws, rolling hills, dry lake beds.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man-made features include roads, grass test plots, water holes, fences, reservoir stocked with fish; also no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10)

Unit 1-75

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 6,560 acres.
Location: 22 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: flat tableland dissected by deep draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; roads and cabin in area; also no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (1)(9)

Unit 1-76

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 17,920 acres.
Location: 25 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling hills and draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass; small stand of conifers.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; well, storage tank, fences, roads and private land within area; no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (1)(9)

Unit 1-77

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,920 acres.
Location: 26 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: flat plateau; deep north-south canyons; two dry lake beds.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; water developments in area; no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (1)(9)

Unit 1-82

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final Decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 20,800 acres.
Location: 20 miles northeast of Paisley.
Topography: rolling hills; broken terrain.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; main road and water hole in area; no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (1)(9)

Unit 1-85

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,800 acres Location: 28 miles south of Wagontire.
Topography: flat; rolling; eight dry lake beds.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man-made features include roads, cow camp at Lynch's Gulch, grass test plots, waterholes; does not offer solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10)

Unit 1-86

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,160 acres.
Location: 25 miles south of Lakeview.
Topography: high plateau; rolling terrain with dry lakebeds.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; area contains roads, water developments, fences, grass test plots; no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10)

Unit 1-87

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 18,560 acres.
Location: 30 miles south of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling hills, draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; area contains two areas of private land, roads, water developments, grass test plots; has no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10)

Unit 1-88

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 28,440 acres.
Location: 30 miles south of Wagontire.
Topography: flat in south; rolling hills in north.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; area contains roads, stock reservoirs, grass test plots; offers no solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10)

Unit 1-89

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,680 acres.
Location: 28 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: sloping ground rising from dry lake bed.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; there is no opportunity for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (2)(10)
- area contains extensive road system, grass test plots and many man-made waterholes. (1)(1)
- road between Units 1-88 and 1-89. (1)(9)

Unit 1-90

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,360 acres.
Location: 25 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling with minor draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; water development and private land in area. (1)(9)

Unit 1-101

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 22,400 acres.
Location: Abert Rim, east of Abert Lake.
Topography: high rim; flats and draws above rim.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper, aspen, scattered pine.
Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; due to high open slopes, opportunity for solitude is limited by traffic on Highway 395 and farming or ranching activities. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; has outstanding solitude and desert recreation opportunities. (1)(1)

Unit 1-106

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 23,040 acres.
Location: 28 miles east of Paisley.
Topography: hills rising to a ridgeline.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; contains extensive road system, grass test plots and many man-made waterholes; offers no solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation. (1)(1)

Unit 1-111

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 14,720 acres.
Location: 30 miles northeast of Lakeview.
Topography: low hills, with cone-shaped slopes.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; contains open mine shafts, pits, trenches, rock piles and jeep trails. (1)(1)

Unit 1-114

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 24,320 acres; contiguous to proposed wilderness in Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.
Location: 40 miles northwest of Lakeview.
Topography: alkali flats and intermittent lakes.
Vegetation: greasewood, saltbush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; contains several fences and numerous ways. (1)(1)

Unit 1-117

Proposed decision: intensively inventory
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 37,120 acres.
Location: 20 miles east of Lakeview.
Topography: high plateau; Fish Creek Rim on east.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass; juniper on highest portions.

Public comments relating to presentce or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; contains several inroads, ways and some fences. (1)(1)

Unit 1-118

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 26,880 acres.
Location: 15 miles east of Lakeview.
Topography: mountainous, with deep canyon.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass; juniper and willow in canyons; juniper and pine on peaks.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; there are several ways in the unit, gravel quarry activities in the north portion; lack of cover and slopes preclude opportunities for solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 1-143

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 29,440 acres.
Location: 30 miles west of Fields.
Topography: flat to rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; roads and ways impassible without 4-wheel drive except for a few in the south end of the Catlow Valley; ways in the area are mostly overgrown and gullied; does offer opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation (general area). (1)(1)

Unit 1-146

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 78,000 acres; contiguous to proposed wilderness in Sheldon Antelope Refuge.
Location: 25 miles southwest of Fields.
Topography: large dry lake in south; Hawk and Juniper Mountains in north.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- area is separated from Unit 2-82 by a "road" which is completely impassable at its east end; road has not been maintained beyond fence at Section 19 and deteriorates rapidly east of this point (map). (2)(2)
- Units 1-146 and 2-82 should be combined; none of the area is obviously lacking in wilderness characteristics and opportunities for both solitude and primitive recreation are present; Hawk Mountain, while appearing to lack trees, is nevertheless, impressive in its sweep. (1)(1)

Unit 1-148

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,760 acres.
Location: 30 miles east of Klamath Falls.
Topography: deep canyon with flats above rim.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's imprint includes old railroad bed, evidence of logging, Big Adobe reservoir, evidence of farming and ranching. (3)(3)
- lacks adequate drinking water and camping sites; very little to draw people's interest; very limited access. (1)(1)
- too much traffic in the area and on boundary roads; no opportunities for solitude and primitive or other forms of recreation. (2)(2)

Unit 1-149

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 17,280 acres.
Location: 30 miles east of Lakeview.

Topography: rolling hills with rock outcrops; flat in north and west.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper, pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's imprints noticeable and include evidence of farming, ranching, logging, hunting, ways, reservoirs, old railroad bed. (3)(3)
- this unit is crossed by two roads. (1)(1)
- traffic through unit precludes solitude. (2)(2)
- lacks adequate drinking water and camping sites for primitive recreation; limited access; has little to draw people's interest. (1)(1)

Unit 1-155

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,760 acres.
Location: 12 miles northeast of Klamath Falls.
Topography: high mountain rim.
Vegetation: manzanita, juniper, pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's imprints include old railroad beds and tracks, roads, fences, tree farms, gas line, evidence of logging, hunting camps. (2)(2)
- no solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation; lacks adequate water and camping sites; little to draw people to area; limited access. (1)(1)

Unit 1-162

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 3,040 acres.
Location: on the southern border of Oregon, approximately 16 miles southwest of Lakeview.
Topography: steep canyons and rims, low rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush and juniper.

Note: This tract was originally considered to be too small to meet wilderness criteria and was proposed to be eliminated from further review. However, since this unit is adjacent to California Inventory Unit CA-020-1005, it is being intensively inventoried.

Unit 1-164

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 800 acres.
Location: on the southern border of Oregon, approximately 20 miles southeast of Lakeview.
Topography: low hills, canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush and juniper.

Note: This tract was originally considered to be too small to meet wilderness criteria and was to be eliminated from further review. However, since this unit is adjacent to California Inventory Unit CA-020-1004, it is being intensively inventoried.

Burns District

Unit 2-1

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 65,900 acres.
Location: 35 miles east of Burns.
Topography: rolling hills cut by intermittent streams.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, junipers; scattered aspen and willow in drainages.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- headquarters cow camp is near the center of Buck Mountain; most of the main roads into the area have been upgraded and maintained; all other roads are used for livestock management (map). (1)(1)

Unit 2-11

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory
Size: 11,080 acres: adjacent to a USFS RARE II area designated for further planning.
Location: eight miles north of Buchanan.
Topography: rolling foothills with minor drainages.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, ponderosa pine, junipers.

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Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (1)(1)
- there are roads into the area which pass through Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20. (1)(1)
- roads described as going through Sections 10, 11, 17 and 19 are outside the unit; road through Sections 15, 22 and 21 has been graded and is used regularly for access to Cow Camp; road through Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 was graded 15 years ago and is used by horsemen and hunters; routes through Sections 4, 35, 26, 23, 24 and 13 have never been improved but are used by ranchers and hunters. (1)(1)
- juniper has been cut for posts; pine and fir have been logged; several miles of fence; spring is cleaned with tractor to provide irrigation water. (1)(1)

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Unit 2-12

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 29,700 acres.
Location: along U. S. Highway 20, north of Stinking Water Pass.
Topography: high foothills; several peaks over 4,500 feet.
Vegetation: sagebrush, greasewood, grass, juniper, scattered ponderosa pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; roads in area (map); highway traffic visible from complete face of mountain. (2)(1)

Unit 2-14

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,630 acres.
Location: 11 miles northwest of Drewsey, adjacent to Malheur National Forest.
Topography: tableland dissected by deep canyons of Malheur River and Blue Bucket Creek.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, sagebrush, grass, scattered juniper.

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Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land as one entire unit. (1)(1)

  Note: contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The BLM lands will be considered on their own merits during the intensive inventory.

Unit 2-15

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 38,130 acres.
Location: three miles north of Drewsey.
Topography: rolling foothills, with mountainous area in the north.
Vegetation: sagebrush, juniper, grass, ponderosa pine, mountain mahogony.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; many roads through area. (2)(1)

Unit 2-17

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,430 acres.
Location: 15 miles northwest of Juntura.
Topography: foothills draining into Cottonwood Creek.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper, ponderosa pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(2)
- roads through Sections 33 and 34. (1)(1)
- a road maintained as part of the main road to Cottonwood should be the area boundary (maps and photographs); a jeep trail across Rocky Basin is a prominent intrusion; fenced waterhole, several miles of fence, small branding corral. (1)(1)

Unit 2-18

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.

Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,790 acres.
Location: 13 miles northwest of Burns.
Topography: flat to rolling; canyon in the north.
Vegetation: sagebrush, scattered mountain mahogany, juniper, ponderosa pine, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; several old logging roads in the area are now used for livestock management; heavy hunting and fishing pressure affects solitude. (2)(2)
- phone line, waterhole construction, fences in the area. (1)(1)

Unit 2-19

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 6,910 acres.
Location: 13 miles northwest of Burns.
Topography: flat to rolling; canyon in the east.
Vegetation: sagebrush, mountain mahogany, grass, juniper, scattered ponderosa pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; several roads in the area are used to salt and control cattle and to provde access to waterholes; heavy hunting and fishing use affects solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 2-23

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 163,340 acres.
Location: 45 miles southeast of Burns.
Topography: northern foothills of Steens Mountain; Riddle Mountain is dominant feature; some flat to rolling terrain.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper, some aspen and mountain mahogany.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristic.

- do not intensively inventory. (16)(16)
- maintained roads cross and divide unit (maps provided). (12)(13)
- fire wood and fence posts have been cut, showing signs of man; fences, waterholes, seedings, cabins in area. (12)(10)
- BLM lookout tower on Riddle Mountain. (1)(1)

- private land in area. (7)(6)
- no unique recreation qualitites. (2)(2)
- no unique or unusual characteristics. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- area not "obviously lacking in wilderness characteristics". (1)(1)
- has outstanding desert recreation opportunities, solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 2-24

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 18,290 acres.
Location: 40 miles southwest of Burns.
Topography: plateaus.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (5)(7)
- maintained roads throughout area (maps provided). (4)(6)
- too much evidence of man, roads, fences, stock water ponds, cinder pits, crested wheatgrass seedings. (1)(1)

Unit 2-26

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 14,380 acres.
Location: 35 miles southeast of Burns.
Topography: rolling; lava flow with exposed rock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(5)
- way from Section 25 is traveled, sandy, may not need maintenance. (1)(2)
- Oliver Springs - White Lake Road traverses the entire area (map); would support wilderness study area for Diamond Craters core area. (1)(2)
- several cinder pits, areas where lave rock has been quarried. (2)(3)

- intensively inventory; unique geologic area. (1)(1)

Unit 2-43

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 43,030 acres.

Location: Wagontire Mountain.
Topography: rolling hills and foothills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, juniper, grass and some cottonwoods in the lower drainages.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; a great number of manmade waterholes, virtually all of which have maintained roads leading to them; many miles of steel and wood fences which enclose crested wheatgrass seedings, divide allotments, and border private land. (1)(1)

Unit 2-47

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,660 acres.
Location: along U. S. Highway 20, 18 miles east of Riley.
Topography: slightly rolling.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered junipers.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; Highway 20 on boundary is heavily traveled; several man-made reservoirs; roads in area; provides no outstanding opportunities for solitude or recreation; no unique scenery or geologic features; no potable water; private land in area. (1)(1)

Unit 2-48

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 18,340 acres.
Location: 17 miles southwest of Riley.
Topography: gently rolling.
Vegetation: juniper, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- borders Highway 20 and subject to visibility and noise intrusions; several man-made reservoirs, fences, roads, private land; no outstanding opportunities for solitude or recreation; no outstanding scenic or geological features; no potable water. (1)(1)
- man's work is obvious in this unit; there are several waterholes and fenced off seedings; powerline borders unit on S.E. side. (1)(1)

Unit 2-50

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,410 acres.
Location: 12 miles northwest of Riley.
Topography: steep slopes on east; gently rolling to flat on west.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper, ponderosa pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; not large enough or shaped right for wilderness; can't offer solitude or opportunity for primitive recreation. (1)(1)

Unit 2-52

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,690 acres.
Location: seven miles north of Riley.
Topography: rough, broken, rocky in west; flat on east.
Vegetation: sagebrush and juniper on east; sagebrush, pine, and juniper on west.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; not large enough or shaped right for wilderness; can't offer solitude or opportunity for primitive and unconfined type of recreation. (1)(1)

Unit 2-53

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,130 acres.
Location: five miles north of Riley.
Topography: rimrock along drainages; flat uplands.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; not large enough or shaped right for wilderness; can't offer solitude or an opportunity for primitive and unconfined type of recreation. (1)(1)

Unit 2-54

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,750 acres.
Location: 30 miles south of Burns.
Topography: gently rolling; playas.
Vegetation: greasewood, salt desert shrubs, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; many highly visible, seldom maintained roads and man-made reservoirs; from more scenic areas, man's imprint outside unit is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; no potable water; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-55

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 64,070 acres.
Location: adjacent to Malheur Wildlife Refuge, west and north of Frenchglen.
Topography: plateau; steep rimrock breaks.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, areas of juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- fences, roads, stock water reservoirs. (2)(2)
- from more scenic areas, man's imprint outside area is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; no potable water; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-56

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 13,070 acres.
Location: ten miles northwest of Frenchglen.
Topography: rolling; scattered rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)

- fences, roads, stock water ponds. (2)(2)
- from more scenic areas, man's imprint outside area is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; no potable water; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-57

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 18,530 acres.
Location: ten miles northwest of Frenchglen.
Topography: gently rolling tableland with scattered rimrock; dissected by Jackass Creek.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; many roads and man-made reservoirs; from more scenic areas, man's imprint outside area is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; no potable water; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-58

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,570 acres.
Location: 12 miles northwest of Frenchglen.
Topography: rolling tableland and rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered junipers.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; many roads and man-made reservoirs; from more scenic areas, man's imprint outside area is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geologic features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; no potable water; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-59

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 13,840 acres.
Location: 15 miles northwest of Frenchglen.
Topography: rolling tableland with widely scattered rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered junipers.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; many roads and man-made reservoirs; from more scenic areas, man's imprint outside area is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geologic features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; no potable water; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-60

Proposed decision: intensively inventory
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 20,060 acres.
Location: 20 miles northwest of Frenchglen.
Topography: rolling, with some tableland and rimrock in south; flat in north.
Vegetation: sagebrush, greasewood, grass, scattered junipers.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; many roads and reservoirs; from scenic areas, man's imprint outside unit obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-61

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 41,870 acres.
Location: 22 miles northwest of Frenchglen.
Topography: gently rolling in north; rising flat land in south.
Vegetation: sagebrush, greasewood, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- contains many man-made reservoirs (map). (2)(2)
- many highly visible roads; from the more scenic areas, man's imprint outside unit is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)
- fenced holding lot and horse corral at Buzzard Spring; drift fence; no trees, no water, no fishing, lots of bugs. (1)(1)

Unit 2-62

Proposed decision: intensively inventory
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10,460 acres.
Location: 26 miles southwest of Burns.
Topography: rolling hills with scattered rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- contains waterholes, roads, fences, corrals, seedings and wells (maps); no solitude or primitive unconfined recreation opportunities. (2)(2)
- private property in area. (1)(1)
- many roads; from the more scenic areas, man's imprint outside the unit is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-63

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,480 acres.
Location: 30 miles southwest of Burns.
Topography: rolling, with rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (4)(4)
- area includes roads, waterholes, fences, corrals, crested wheatgrass seedings and wells (maps). (2)(2)
- no solitude or opportunities for primitive recreation. (2)(2)
- unit contains many highly visible seldom maintained roads and man-made reservoirs; man's imprint outside the unit is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; a small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)
- roads (in unit) have been maintained by D-4 Cat and/or road grader; contains man-made water holes (map). (1)(1)

Unit 2-64

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 34,400 acres.

Location: 28 miles southwest of Burns.
Topography: rolling, with some rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- unit contains many highly visible seldom maintained roads and man-made reservoirs; man's imprint outside the unit is obvious; area lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; a small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)
- roads (in unit) have been maintained by D-4 Cat and/or a road grader; contains man-made waterholes (map). (1)(1)

Unit 2-65

Proposed decision: intensively inventory. (Mapping error on proposed decision map)
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 6,080 acres.
Location: 28 miles southeast of Riley.
Topography: rolling, with some rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- area includes fences, corrals, crested wheatgrass seedings, roads, waterholes, and wells (maps). (2)(2)
- no solitude or opportunity for primitive unconfined recreation. (2)(2)
- roads (in unit) have been maintained by D-4 Cat and/or a road grader; contains man-made waterholes (map). (1)(1)

Unit 2-67

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,900 acres.
Location: 18 miles south of Riley.
Topography: rolling; one large peak (Iron Montain) in northeast corner.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)

- contains waterholes, roads, fences, corrals, seedings and wells (maps); no solitude or primitive unconfined recreation opportunities. (2)(2)
- private property in area. (1)(1)
- opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation are very limited; man's imprint visible in all directions from slopes or summit of Iron Mountain. (1)(1)

Unit 2-68

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,290 acres.
Location: 23 miles south of Riley.
Topography: high, rolling tableland with some rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- contains waterholes, roads, fences, corrals, seedings and wells (maps); no opportunity for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. (2)(2)
- private property in area. (1)(1)
- many roads; from the more scenic areas, man's imprint outside the unit is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-69

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 13,550 acres.
Location: 30 miles south of Riley.
Topography: rolling, with rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; contains many roads and reservoirs; from the more scenic areas, man's imprint outside the unit is obvious; lacks highly scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Unit 2-70

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: 9,370 acres.
Location: 15 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling with rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- contains man's imprint including roads, waterholes, fences, corrals, seedings, wells, private property (maps). (3)(3)
- unit is quite small. (1)(1)
- no opportunity for solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. (2)(2)
- lacks any scenic or unique natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 2-71

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15,790 acres.
Location: ten miles east of Wagontire.
Topography: rolling, with widely scattered rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- man's imprint includes waterholes, roads, fences, corrals, seedings and wells (maps); no solitude or opportunity for primitive unconfined recreation. (2)(2)
- no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 2-72

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 180,810 acres.
Location: ten miles west of Burns Junction.
Topography: playas; tablelands; foothills, Sheepshead Mountains.
Vegetation: sagebrush, salt desert shrub, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- there is no road dividing 2-72 and 3-114; these units are arbitrarily separated; spur road to Rock Corral is not maintained or used beyond Rock Corral. (1)(1)

- some roads may be ways; not aware of any distracting man-made features; opportunities to hike and explore and enjoy solitude are nearly unlimited. (1)(1)

Unit 2-73

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 71,130 acres.
Location: 18 miles southwest of Burns Junction.
Topography: desert floor in southeast, sloping to desert plateau in northwest.
Vegetation: salt desert shrub, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory; opportunities to hike and explore and enjoy solitude are nearly unlimited; not aware of manmade features; some roads may be ways; Mickey Hot Springs are special (mud pots). (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- natural except for road and waterholes; area is barren and lacks water. (1)(1)
- shows significant features of man's work; county maintained roads traverse or border units 2-73, 2-74, 2-75, 2-83 and 2-85; rancher maintained roads border eastern portion of Alvord Desert; units view ranches and the towns of Field and Andrews; (maps and photographs). (1)(1)
- numerous unmaintained roads and several reservoirs; no unique or scenic geological features. (1)(1)

Unit 2-74

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 266,600 acres.
Location: Alvord Desert, two miles north of Fields.
Topography: sand dunes, playas, plateaus, foothills with some steep slopes.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, salt desert shrub, shadscale.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- some roads may be ways; not aware of man-made features; opportunities to hike and explore and enjoy solitude nearly unlimited. (1)(1)

- home of the rare and endangered Alvord chub; historical values include mining history, sod hut and the use of Chinese laborers in the area; should include Borax Lake and hot springs. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory. (5)(5)
- man's imprint extremely noticeable; Red Mountain, Lookout Butte and Flagstaff Butte include roads, jeep trails, television antennae, bulldozer cuts (maps); no opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation due to traffic on main road and sights and sounds which emanate from adjacent private propterty. (1)(1)
- man's imprint substantially noticeable; includes all-weather roads, mines, private land; hot springs are on private property. (1)(1)
- county maintained roads traverse or border units 2-73, 2-74, 2-75, 2-83 and 2-85; unit views ranches and towns; does not meet wilderness criteria; ranch maintained roads along eastern edge of Alvord Desert (maps and photographs). (1)(1)
- numerous roads and other developments. (2)(2)
- powerlines, wells, sand gap guzzlers, mining equipment, buildings, trenches and fences, rockhounding cuts; no unique or noticeably scenic features. (1)(1)

Unit 2-75

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 47,800 acres.
Location: east of Fields and Pueblo Valley.
Topography: flat desert floor; plateaus; foothills.
Vegetation: salt desert shrub, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (4)(4)
- man's impacts include improved roads, major powerlines and fences (map). (2)(2)
- little or no opportunity for solitude due to disturbances on major roads and agricultural areas. (3)(3)
- unit views ranches and towns. (2)(2)
- no unique or special geologic or scenic features. (1)(1)
- Maintained roads form part of southern boundary; roads and trails traverse the unit (map). (1)(1)
- major powerlines and service roads extend through the area; electric substation in unit (map). (1)(1)

Unit 2-77

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: 40,810 acres.
Location: 15 miles southeast of Fields.
Topography: desert floor; foothills; mountains.
Vegetation: salt desert shrubs, sagebrush in lower elevations; aspen sedges, and mountain grasses and browse in higher elevations.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; roads and jeep trails south of Flagstaff Butte (map); area so small that agricultural noise intrudes on solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 2-81

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 80,850 acres.
Location: Pueblo Mountains, south of Fields.
Topography: foothills to rugged mountains over 9,000 feet in elevation.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, aspen, mountain mahogany, other browse species.

Public comments relating to presence of absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; propose boundary change to exclude private land and include parts of units 2-81 and 2-82 (map); tremendous geologic beauty; extraordinary flora; great assortment of fauna. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory. (4)(4)
- man's imprint includes roads, grazing, claim markers, prospect pits, cabins, mine workings (maps). (3)(3)
- lacks substantial vegetative cover. (1)(1)

Unit 2-82

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 156,560 acres.
Location: Pueblo Mountains, west of Fields.
Topography: high plateau with rimrock and mountain peaks; Lone Mountain and Catlow Rim are major features.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, with scattered juniper and mountain browse at higher elevations.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- modify boundaries to eliminate most private land and include a small portion of 2-82 with 2-81 (map); tremendous geologic beauty, extraordinary flora, great assortment of fauna. (1)(1)
- area 2-82 is separated from 1-146 by a "road" which is completely impassable at its east end; route is a road though Hawk Valley, but east of there deteriorates rapidly and has not been maintained. (1)(1)
- road at south end of 2-82 is completely impassable, even to 4WD; Hawk Valley-Thousand Ranch road not driveable by passenger car; road along west edge of 2-82 is maintained to fence in Section 19 but deteriorates rapidly east of there; suggest units 2-82 and 1-146 be combined; other roads should be reclassified as ways; area possesses solitude in abundance; Lone Mountain area is good quality wilderness; Hawk Valley seeding not obtrusive or unnatural appearing; ferns, juncus, Elymus, Festuca in area; antelope are common; (map). (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- many maintained roads which are used for livestock management (maps). (2)(2)

Unit 2-83

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 38,230 acres.
Location: north of Fields; south of Steens Mountain.
Topography: foothills to mountainous.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; major powerlines and improved roads run through the area (maps). (2)(2)
- shows significant features of man's work; unit views ranches and towns. (1)(1)

Unit 2-85

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 143,980 acres.
Location: Steens Mountain.
Topography: high plateau with deep canyons on west; alpine peaks with glaciated gorges on east.

Vegetation: sagebrush and juniper in west; subalpine meadows, brush, and scattered aspen in east.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (6)(6)
- some "roads" are ways or trails. (2)(2)
- not aware of distracting man-made features; opportunities to hike and explore and enjoy solitude nearly unlimited. (1)(1)
- area does not "obviously lack wilderness characteristics". (1)(1)
- remote and undeveloped; scenic; some mine dumps and prospects in the area. (1)(1)
- outstanding desert recreation and opportunities for solitude. (1)(1)
- tremendous geologic beauty; extraordinary flora and great assortment of fauna (provided a map of proposal for Steens Mountain wilderness area). (1)(1)
- area offers wilderness feeling despite radio facility and rude road to it; geologic formation needs protection. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory. (4)(3)
- many old frequently used roads, fences, cowcamps, stockwater ponds and other evidence of man throughout area. (2)(1)
- shows significant features of man's work; county maintained roads border or traverse this and other adjacent units (maps and photographs); unit views ranches and towns of Field and Andrews; microwave facility and service road on Steens Peak. (1)(1)
- area is substantially natural except for roads and man-made waterholes; area is barren and lacks water. (1)(1)

Unit 2-86

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 82,430 acres.
Location: south of Frenchglen and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.
Topography: high plateau with deep canyons and glaciated gorges.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper, mountain mahogany, aspen, and sub-alpine meadows.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- few roads or ranches; is secluded and scenic. (1)(1)
- has outstanding solitude and desert recreation opportunities. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- there are many old roads, stock water ponds, fences, cow camps and other evidence of man throughout area. (3)(3)

- substantially natural except for road and man-made water holes; area is barren and lacks water. (1)(1)

Unit 2-87

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 28,340 acres.
Location: east of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.
Topography: westernly sloping plateau of Steens Mountains foothills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- substantially natural except for roads and waterholes; area is barren and lacks water. (1)(1)
- many old frequently used roads hurt wilderness values; use of area should be managed rather than preserved; wilderness designation will intensify use and degrade area. (1)(1)

Unit 2-88

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,550 acres.
Location; eight miles northeast of Frenchglen.
Topography: gently sloping tableland.
Vegetation: sagebrush, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- substantially natural except for roads and waterholes; area is barren and lacks water. (1)(1)
- many old frequently used roads hurt wilderness values; uses of area should be managed rather than preserved; wilderness designation will intensify use and degrade area. (1)(1)

Unit 2-92

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 49,630 acres.
Location: 20 miles southeast of Wagontire.

Topography: rolling, with scattered rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; unit contains roads, waterholes, fences, corrals, crested wheatgrass seedings, drilled wells; no solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. (1)(1)

Unit 2-98

Proposed decision: intensively inventory 3,980 acres contiguous to USFS RARE II area recommended for wilderness; eliminate from further review 240 acres contiguous to RARE II area designated for multiple uses other than wilderness.
Final decision: intensively inventory 3,980 acres; eliminate 240 acres from further review.
Size: 4,220 acres of public land.
Location: 10 miles east of Canyon City, adjacent to Malheur National Forest.
Topography: steep benches and foothills.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, scattered grassy areas and juniper.
Developments: Small amount of mining and a trail.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- disagree with exclusion of area next to RARE II parcel designated for multiple use. (1)(1)
- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Response: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. The 240-acre parcel of BLM land is next to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The parcel is not of sufficient size to make practicable its use and preservation as wilderness.

The 3,980-acre parcel will be intensively inventoried.

Unit 2-103

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: 6,360 acres.
Location: three miles southeast of Dayville, adjacent to Malheur National Forest.
Topography: steep foothills and benches dissected by steep drainages.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, juniper, brush, grass.
Developments: fences, spring developments.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory; area has beautiful scenery and feeling of peace and quiet that can only be found in wilderness; good trail system and periphery road access. (1)(1)
- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land, as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Note: contiguous national forest lands cannot be cnsidered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The BLM lands will be considered on their own merits during the intensive inventory.

Unit 2-110

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,460 acres.
Location: four miles west of Dayville, adjacent to Ochoco National Forest.
Topography: mostly north-and west-facing slopes; steep and cut with many drainages.
Vegetation: juniper, grass, and brush in lower foothills; ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir in higher elevations.
Developments: fences, seeding, reservoir.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land, as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Note: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The BLM lands will be considered on their own merits during the intensive inventory.

Unit 2-111

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,320 acres.
Location: 11 miles northwest of Burns, adjacent to Malheur National Forest.
Topography: flat to rolling, with well-defined canyons.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, mountain mahogany, juniper, grass, patches of sagebrush and bitterbrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; road has been bladed and used. (1)(1)

- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service land, as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Note: Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory if they are not designated wilderness or are not RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to a RARE II area designated for multiple use other than wilderness. The BLM lands will be considered on their own merits during the intensive inventory.

Unit 2-114

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,080 acres.
Location: 12 miles southeast of Wagontire.
Topography: gently rolling, with scattered rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- maintained roads, waterholes, fences, corrals, crested wheatgrass seedings and wells in area (maps); no solitude or primitive unconfined recreation. (2)(2)
- small size and narrow elongated shape of unit precludes solitude; contains no scenic or unique natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 2-115

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: 13,730 acres.
Location: 17 miles north of Frenchglen.
Topography: rolling, with scattered rimrock.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; contains many roads and reservoirs; man's imprint outside unit highly visible; lacks scenic or unique geological features; small amount of moderately interesting scenery; lacks wilderness quality. (1)(1)

Vale District

Unit 3-5

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: intensively inventory, as a portion of Unit 3-6. See narrative on Unit 3-6.
Size: 8,500 acres.
Location: Three miles southeast of Beulah Reservoir.
Topography: Steep rocky ridges.
Vegetation: Sagebrush and juniper.
Developments: 22 miles of fence, three reservoirs, numerous springs.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- why does presence of "numerous springs" exclude area? (1)(1)
- should not be excluded because of "relatively small size". (1)(1)

Unit 3-6

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 45,510 acres.
Location: immediately east of Beulah Reservoir.
Topography: steep, rocky ridge.
Vegetation: juniper and sagebrush.

Note: Portions of the northern, western and southern boundaries shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed

by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 34,080 acres. This includes former Inventory Unit 3-5. That unit was proposed for elimination from further review because it lacked outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation. Since it is now part of a larger unit, that evaluation will be reassessed in the intensive inventory.

Unit 3-8

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15,600 acres.
Location: nine miles east of Beulah Reservoir.
Topography: steep canyons with flat rocky mesa tops.
Vegetation: sagebrush, scattered mahogany and aspen.

Note: A portion of the southern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road at that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 3,200 acres.

Unit 3-12

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 20,480 acres.
Location: three miles north of Jonesboro.
Topography: deep drainage, high ridges.
Vegetation: native grasses and brush.

Note: The northwest boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road at that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 3,680 acres.

Unit 3-16

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 19,260 acres.
Location: 10 miles west of Vale.
Topography: rolling hills, with deep canyon on Bully Creek.
Vegetation: grass and sagebrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- area offers excellent solitude; eagles in vicinity; possibility of varied bird life. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; there is a road in Section 23,T.18S., R.42E.; old canal, line camps, and 4-wheel tracks in Sections 13, 23, and 24. (1)(1)

Note: A portion of the western boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 800 acres.

Unit 3-17

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: intensively inventory, as a portion of Unit 3-27.
Size: 5,620 acres.
Location: nine miles north of Beulah Reservoir.
Topography: mountains with deep draws.
Vegetation: grasses, with some junipers.
Developments: six miles of fence; springs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- should not be excluded because of reasons listed by the BLM. (1)(1)
- contains variety of wildlife and wildflowers; very pretty. (1)(1)

Unit 3-18

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,160 acres.
Location: four miles north of Beulah Reservoir.
Topography: mountain peak.
Vegetation: native grasses, juniper, timber.

Note: Portions of the north, west, and south boundaries shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 1,480 acres.

Unit 3-19

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 3,160 acres.
Location: 20 miles northwest of Juntura.
Topography: river canyon.
Vegetation: riparian vegetation and ponderosa pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory. (3)(4)
- boundary should be redrawn to include all of the river canyon, regardless of ownership. (1)(1)
- important area if contiguous USFS lands are considered; maintain as a primitive area. (1)(1)
- several four-wheel drive accesses do not qualify as roads; five thousand acre minimum not pertinent here because canyon makes management as wilderness easy; recreation potential is outstanding. (1) (2)
- inventory and study for wilderness, including the Forest Service lands as one entire unit. (1)(1)

Note: The wilderness inventory only applies to public land. The BLM has no authority to include private property in its review. Contiguous national forest lands cannot be considered a factor in BLM's wilderness inventory unless they are designated wilderness or are RARE II lands which the President has recommended for wilderness or designated for further planning. This unit is next to a RARE II area designated for multiple uses other than wilderness. The BLM unit will be intensively inventoried on its own merits.

Unit 3-22

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 11,720 acres.
Location: 14 miles northwest of Vale.
Topography: rocky, steep canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; there is a road in Section 3, T. 18 S., R. 42 E., and roads in Sections 33, 34, 17, 20, 28, and 29, T. 17 S., R. 42 E.; a fence with a parallel track in the unit; the northern part of the unit does offer solitude and an opportunity for primitive and unconfined type of recreation. (1)(1)

Note: The northwest boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 4,280 acres.

Unit 3-24

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,800 acres.
Location: 21 miles northwest of Vale.
Topography: rocky; rolling to steep hills with several small drainages.
Vegetation: sagebrush, scattered juniper trees.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(3)
- bounded by roads on east and west, fence on south, approximately a mile of private property on lower west end and about three miles on lower east end; developments include 10 to 12 miles of fence in three locations, two springs, three reservoirs, several miles of road throughout unit - some of which have been maintained with machinery; crested wheatgrass seedings and fence remains at Buckbrush Poison Butte. (1)(1)
- unit is only 7 miles long and 2 miles wide; 12 miles of fence; only a few trees; old manganese mines and current mining claims; numerous roads cross unit; three stock reservoirs; flat rock being quarried for building stone; imprint of man visible from everywhere within the unit. (1)(2)

Note: The northern unit boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 840 acres.

Unit 3-27

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 18,980 acres.
Location: 25 miles north of Juntura.
Topography: steep, rocky ridges.
Vegetation: juniper, sagebrush, and some mahogany.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; many roads used for stock management; fences and other improvements; no good recreational values; not particularly scenic or rugged. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; variety of wildlife and wildflowers; very pretty. (1)(1)

Note: Portions of the western unit boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 8,020 acres. This includes former Inventory Unit 3-17. That unit was proposed for elimination from further review because it lacked outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation. Since it is now part of a larger unit, that evaluation will be reassessed in the intensive inventory.

Unit 3-31

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15,520 acres.
Location: 12 miles southeast of Juntura.
Topography: steep, rugged, and rocky; plateau in north and west; buttes and steep canyons in east.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory; part of boundary between this unit and 3-32 becomes a way, or dissolves entirely, soon after sheep shearing plant; beautiful rimrock, cliffs, talus slopes; nesting eagles, prairie falcons. (1)(1)

Unit 3-32

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,040 acres.
Location: 15 miles southeast of Juntura.
Topography: steep, rugged area; plateau to east; long rim on west.
Vegetation: bunchgrass, sagebrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; part of boundary between this unit and 3-31 becomes a way, or dissolves entirely soon after sheep shearing plant; beautiful rimrock, cliffs, talus slopes; nesting eagles, prairie falcons. (1)(1)

Unit 3-33

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,400 acres.
Location: 10 miles east of Juntura.
Topography: plateau with deep canyons; steep, broken, rough.
Vegetation: bunchgrass, sagebrush; riparian vegetation in draws.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory but deserves protection; drainages may contain Weidermeyers admiral butterfly (unique in Oregon); western tanagers sighted on streams. (1)(1)
- unit contains fossil beds and caves (map). (1)(1)

Unit 3-41

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 16,120 acres.
Location: 19 miles south of Harper.
Topography: rocky rolling ridges with deep canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Note: The southeast unit boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 4,000 acres.

Unit 3-47

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 43,380 acres.
Location: 30 miles southeast of Juntura.
Topography: broken, rocky, rough.
Vegetation: native bunchgrasses, sagebrush, juniper on Cedar Mountain.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- area is of historical value because of Indian hunting grounds and encampments (map). (1)(1)
- "road" which divides this unit from 3-110 is questionably defined, doubtfully fulfills definition; provides nice solitude; junipers are a delightful contrast to surrounding lowland; nice view from slope, hints of excellent panorama from top. (1)(1)
- two reservoirs were only imprint of man's work noticed; outstanding solitude; good view of Steens Mountain; discovered Mariposa-like lillies indicating ability to support fragile plant life. (1)(1)

Unit 3-53

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 27,370 acres.
Location: 21 miles south of Harper.
Topography: chalky ridges with rocky canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: The southern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 11,850 acres.

Unit 3-57

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15,420 acres.
Location: 35 miles northwest of Jordan Valley.
Topography: rolling hills; chalky breaks.
Vegetation: sagebrush; grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; much mining activity (map). (1)(1)

Note: A portion of the western boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road at that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 2,080 acres.

Unit 3-59

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 13,560 acres.
Location: immediately east of Hole in the Ground on the Owyhee River.
Topography: rocky rims and breaks.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: A portion of the eastern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 1,840 acres.

Unit 3-68

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 14,540 acres.
Location: 10 miles southwest of Homedale.
Topography: steep rocky drainages.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: Portions of the south and southwest boundaries shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 1,400 acres.

Unit 3-70

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10,080 acres.
Location: 11 miles north of Jordan Valley.
Topography: undulating mountaintop with several drainages.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- intrusions appear to be excessive and would hinder wilderness proposal (map indicating spring developments). (1)(1)
- roads, water developments, fences, test plots, seedings. (1)(1)

Unit 3-73

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 13,160 acres.
Location: 26 miles northwest of Jordan Valley.
Topography: steep, rugged; draining into Owyhee River.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- move boundary to Owyhee River on southwest side to make more natural. (1)(1)

Unit 3-76

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 24,180 acres.
Location: on west side of Owyhee Reservoir.
Topography: rocky buttes, chalky badlands, canyons.
Vegetation: sparse sagebrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- limited recreational and scenic value. (1)(1)

Unit 3-77

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 60,160 acres.
Location: on east side of Owyhee Reservoir.
Topography: rocky drainages and gulches, leading to Owyhee River; tall rock formations.
Vegetation: sagebrush; salt desert shrub.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory; extensive mining in this area; too many claims; heavily worked; lots of dirt moved in the area. (3)(3)
- there have been five roads built in the last three years (map). (1)(1)
- there are two roads that I know of that lead to 11 claims. (1)(1)
- roads shown in red (on map) are used and maintained by the miners of this region; the roads existed before October 1976. (1)(1)

Unit 3-79

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10,680 acres.
Location: one mile southwest of Rockville.
Topography: steep ridges; flat-topped ridges.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; area contains cover seven miles of roads; roads on north and south boundaries used frequently by ranchers as access to private summer range; because of size and shape, it is impossible to get more than one-half mile from private land; three thousand acres of seedings; ten developed springs and ten miles of fence are spread through the area in such a manner that it is not possible to get away from them except in limited areas. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; only known man-made features are a few homestead cabins; Weidemeyer's admiral butterflys are abundant. (1)(1)

Unit 3-100

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15,900 acres.
Location: ten miles southwest of Warm Springs Reservoir.
Topography: hilly.
Vegetation: sagebrush, bunchgrass and cheatgrass.

Note: A portion of the eastern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 680 acres.

Unit 3-110

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 43,540 acres.
Location: 10 miles northeast of Burns Junction.
Topography: breaks of Owyhee River.
Vegetation: sagebrush, bunchgrass, cheatgrass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (1)(1)
- outstanding desert recreation opportunities and solitude. (1)(1)
- road between this unit and 3-47 is best described as a way; with the number of rafts on Owyhee now, its hard to talk about solitude - fine opportunity for upland solitude though; pictographs near the river; "Robbers Roost", the Stonehouse are a point of interest. (1)(1)

Note: A portion of the eastern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 1,760 acres.

Unit 3-114

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 56,300 acres.
Location: five miles northwest of Burns Junction.
Topography: rolling hills; large open flats.
Vegetation: sagebrush; bunchgrass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- unit should be combined with unit 2-72 as there is no road between them; the spur road to Rock Corral does not seperate the area and there is no sign of maintenance or use beyond Rock Corral. (1)(1)
- check that some of those "roads" aren't really ways; not aware of any distracting man-made features; opportunities to hike, explore, and enjoy solitude are nearly unlimited. (1)(1)

Unit 3-127

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,040 acres.
Location: 20 miles northeast of Burns Junction.
Topography: broken lava outcrops.
Vegetation: bunchgrass, sagebrush, crested wheatgrass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; no scenic or recreational value. (1)(1)

Unit 3-130

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 14,120 acres.
Location: 23 miles southeast of Jordan Valley.
Topography: low hills, butte on southeast side.
Vegetation: sagebrush, bunchgrass.

Note: A portion of the southeast boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 3,840 acres.

Unit 3-132

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,940 acres.
Location: seven miles southwest of Jordan Valley.
Topography: mountainous.
Vegetation: sagebrush, bunchgrass community.

Note: A portion of the northern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 2,160 acres.

Unit 3-143

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 29,120 acres.
Location: along Owyhee River, southeast of Rome.
Topography: breaks and rims along river.
Vegetation: sagebrush, bunchgrass; some juniper and riparian vegetation in canyon.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; outstanding desert recreation opportunities and solitude. (1)(1)
- solitude at ends is not great, but center is isolated; beautiful hiking and exploring; lots of wildlife. (1)(1)

Unit 3-148

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 26,520 acres.
Location: five miles northwest of Three Forks of the Owyhee River.
Topography: rolling hills around Big Grassy Mountain.
Vegetation: sagebrush, bunchgrass.

Note: A portion of the southeast boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 2,000 acres.

Unit 3-149

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15,960 acres.
Location: four miles west of Three Forks of the Owyhee River.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, bunchgrass.

Note: Portions of the eastern, northern, and western boundaries shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 4,200 acres.

Unit 3-151

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,380 acres.
Location: 40 miles southeast of Burns Junction; two miles south of Whitehorse Ranch.
Topography: rolling hills and buttes.
Vegetation: sparse sagebrush.

Public comments relating to Presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; numerous roads and other developments were overlooked. (1)(1)

Unit 3-152

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 27,960 acres.
Location: 25 miles northwest of McDermitt.
Topography: low rolling hills; plateaus dissected by rimrock canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush, greasewood, saltgrass, mahogany, aspen, bunchgrass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; jeep trails between 3-152 and 3-156 could be closed; cloistered effect between canyon walls; magnificent wide-open panorama; great opportunity for solitude; great wildlife observation potential. (1)(1)
- area is scenic, has solitude; rather scenic canyon; variety of wildlife, including Weidemeyer's admiral butterfly; grazed riparian areas can recover. (1)(1)

- shows signs of man's presence; minimum of three unimproved roads will remain visible for decades; too close to populated agricultural areas and major roads (map); little opportunity for solitude.

Unit 3-153

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 13,080 acres.
Location: 25 miles west of McDermitt.
Topography: steep, east-facing slopes.
Vegetation: aspen, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's influence is quite visible; numerous maintained dirt roads, fenced, farm house on McDermitt Creek and opalite mine dumps to the east; no outstanding scenery. (1)(1)
- signs of man's presence and noise on McDermitt-Disaster Peak road contribute to unfavorable conditions of solitude and for primitive and unconfined types of recreation; unimproved roads in unit; unobscured views of mining workings and agricultural activities. (1)(1)

Unit 3-154

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 6,680 acres.

Location: 18 miles east of Andrews, 10 miles north of Whitehorse Ranch.
Topography: sand dunes.
Vegetation: sagebrush; saltbush, bunchgrass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; numerous roads and other developments were overlooked. (1)(1)

Unit 3-156

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 60,840 acres.
Location: 20 miles northwest of McDermitt.
Topography: hills and plateaus dissected by steep rimrock canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush, aspen, mahogany.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; jeep trails between this unit and 3-152 could be closed; cloistered effect between canyon walls - great opportunity for solitude; magnificent wide-open panorama; great wildlife observation potential. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; numerous roads and other developments overlooked. (1)(1)
- shows signs of man's presence; offers little opportunity for solitude; numerous unimproved roads in unit will last for decades; most of the unit wihin earshot of improved Denio-Fields road; northern part of unit adjoins agricultural land (map). (1)(1)

Unit 3-157

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory 21,040 acres; eliminate 12,280 acres from further wilderness review.
Size: 33,320 acres.
Location: five miles northwest of McDermitt.
Topography: canyons and ridges; gently sloping alluvial fans.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, aspen, mahogany.
Developments: many extensively developed mining claims with over 30 miles of intertwining access roads in the southern part of the area.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wlderneas characteristics:

- intensively inventory; area has high wilderness potential because of high ridges, slopes, rock ledges, and numerous aspen forests; move wilderness boundaries close as possible to mining areas. (1)(2)

- do not intensively inventory. (5)(5)
- do not include Bretz Mine area; during mercury production in the 1950s and 1960s, numerous roads were constructed; we have constructed roads for drill sites. (1)(1)
- (an area within Unit 3-157) contains several mining districts, numerous roads and several ranches; cultural features such as telephone wires, fences, signs, ditches, dams and powerlines are ubiquitous. (2)(2)
- have drilled several holes on a 13 mile claim block within area. (1)(1)
- Bretz Mercury Mine is a prominant intrusion and has disturbed significant acreage; mine excavations, waste dumps, old building foundations, access roads,etc.; range improvements include sagebrush eradication, seedings, fences, stockponds and reservoirs, pipelines, roads and trails (maps). (2)(2)
- Opalite mine on boundary. (1)(1)
- signs of man's presence and proximity to U.S. Highway 95 offer little opportunity for solitude. (1)(1)
- numerous claims and prospects; mine dumps; too much visible mining nearby; not secluded; not outstanding scenery. (1)(1)

Explanation of Final Decision: a portion of the unit along the southern boundary contains numerous significant intrusions where obviously and clearly the imprint of man's work is substantially noticeable. This part of the unit is eliminated from further wilderness review. The rest of the unit will be intensively inventoried.

Unit 3-160

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 14,040 acres.
Location: nine miles north of McDermitt, Nevada.
Topography: rolling hills and draws draining north and east off high peak.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: A portion of the southern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 2,240 acres.

Unit 3-163

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 61,980 acres.
Location: two miles north of Blue Mountain Pass on Highway 95.
Topography: high peak dominates with steep sides, rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Note: Portions of the eastern and southern boundaries shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 9,200 acres.

Unit 3-171

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 19,200 acres.
Location: 25 miles east of Blue Mountain Pass on Highway 95.
Topography: flat plateaus dissected by shallow rimrocked draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: A portion of the southwest boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 3,200 acres.

Unit 3-173

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 81,930 acres.
Location: 12 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: rolling hills; flat; dissected by shallow rimrock canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- road, fence, and spring in area (map). (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; offers good opportunity for solitude and private wilderness experience. (1)(2)

Unit 3-179

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 23,600 acres.
Location: 22 miles southeast of Burns Junction.
Topography: flat plateaus with small rimrocked draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: Portions of the western and southern boundaries shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 13,800 acres. This includes former Inventory Unit 3-177. That unit was proposed for elimination from further review because the works of man were substantially noticeable in the majority of the unit. Since it is now part of a larger unit, that evaluation will be reassessed in the intensive inventory.

Unit 3-181

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,720 acres.
Location: 18 miles east of Blue Mountain Pass on Highway 95.
Topography: flat plateaus dissected by shallow rimrock draws.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: Portions of the northeast and southeast boundaries shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory are incorrect. There are no roads in those locations. The boundaries have been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 560 acres.

Unit 3-182

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,880 acres.
Location: 11 miles east of Blue Mountain Pass on Highway 95.
Topography: flat plateau.
Vegetation: sagebrush.

Note: A portion of the western boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land.

As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 8,840 acres. This includes a portion of former Inventory Unit 3-184.

Unit 3-187

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,080 acres.
Location: 30 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; conditions of south boundary of unit are questionable. (1)(2)

Unit 3-189

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 11,680 acres.
Location: 25 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; eastern (western?) boundaries are overgrown, washed-out, impassable; unit should be combined with units 3-195 and 3-196. (1)(2)

Unit 3-192

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,240 acres.
Location: 40 miles northeast of McDermitt, along Owyhee River.
Topography: river canyon.
Vegetation: riparian vegetation; sagebrush and scattered juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; calling anything a road in this area is gutsy; check lines between 3-192 and 3-195. (1)(1)

Unit 3-193

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,300 acres.
Location: 35 miles northeast of McDermitt; south of Owyhee River.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; marginal road between 3-193 and 3-196 becomes a way past first few salt blocks; I'd question the "road" between 3-193 and 3-195; unit offers solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 3-194

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 31,920 acres.
Location: along Idaho state line, south of Owyhee River.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; boundary with 3-198 very questionable. (1)(2)

- do not intensively inventory; numerous roads and other developments were overlooked. (1)(1)
- road and wells in the area. (1)(1)

Unit 3-195

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 67,620 acres.
Location: 30 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: river canyons; plateau.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (4)(4)
- has wilderness characteristics. (2)(3)

- east and west boundaries are ways; there is no road down to Owyhee River at mouth of West Little Owyhee River. (1)(1)
- eastern (western?) boundaries of 3-189 and 3-196 are overgrown, washed-out, and impassable; those units should be combined with 3-195. (1)(2)
- calling anything a "road" in this area is pretty gutsy so check lines dividing 3-195 and 3-196, and 3-195 and 3-192. (1)(1)

Unit 3-196

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,240 acres.
Location: 30 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: plateau.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- eastern (western ?) boundaries of Units 3-189 and 3-196 are overgrown, washed-out and impassible; 3-196 should be combined with 3-189 and 3-195. (1)(2)
- calling anything a "road" in this area is pretty gutsy so check the lines dividing 3-196 and 3-195; marginal road between this unit and 3-193 and 3-197 becomes a way past first few salt blocks; unit offers solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 3-197

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 11,120 acres.
Location: 35 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; part of marginal road between this unit and 3-196 becomes a way past the first few salt blocks; unit offers solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 3-198

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: 50,460 acres.
Location: 25 miles northeast of McDermitt.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; boundaries between 3-198 and 3-194 are very questionable. (1)(2)

Unit 3-199

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 13,840 acres.
Location: 30 miles northwest of McDermitt.
Topography: low rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, greasewood, saltgrass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; is natural and provides solitude and opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation; area can be restored to natural condition; ruins of three rock buildings are very primitive, also a monument to a stagecoach stop; combine with Trout Creek Mountain area for a lovely solid block of wilderness. (1)(2).

- signs of man's presence and noise from road and farm equipment near Flagstaff Butte and Whitehorse Ranch preclude possibility for solitude; bounded on northwest by maintained Denio-Fields road; numerous unmaintained roads cross area; many fences and bulldozer excavations (map). (1)(1)

Unit 3-200

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 27,720 acres.
Location: 20 miles southeast of Burns Junction.
Topography: flat plateaus, shallow canyons.
Vegetation: sagebrush community.

Note: A portion of the western boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 2,760 acres.

Unit 3-201

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 14,960 acres.
Location: 20 miles southeast of Burns Junction.
Topography: rolling hills, flat plateaus.
Vegetation: sagebrush and grass.

Note: A portion of the southern boundary shown on the proposed decision map for the initial inventory is incorrect. There is no road in that location. The boundary has been revised on the final decision map so that all boundaries of the unit are formed by roads or non-public land. As a result, the area of the unit is increased by 1,560 acres.

Prineville District

Unit 5-6

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 19,570 acres.
Location: 17 miles west of Condon.
Topography: canyon of John Day River; steep and rocky.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory, has outstanding solitude and desert recreation opportunities. (1)(1)

Unit 5-8

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10,150 acres.
Location: 13 miles west of Fossil.
Topography: John Day River canyon; ridge paralleling the canyon.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- intensively inventory, has outstanding solitude and desert recreation opportunities. (1)(1)

Unit 5-14

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 4,080 acres.
Location: 12 miles southwest of Madras, along Deschutes River.
Topography: steep canyon, with some plateau above canyon breaks.
Vegetation: bunchgrass, sagebrush, scattered juniper and ponderosa pine.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (4)(3)
- outstanding opportunities for solitude and desert recreation. (1)(1)
- does have wilderness values. (2)(2)
- unusual plant communities; spectacular Steelhead Falls; opportunities for good wilderness fishing. (1)(1)

Unit 5-31

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 11,080 acres
Location: ten miles northwest of Paulina.
Topography: canyons, rolling hills, scabland basalt flows.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation and does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Unit 5-33

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 19,660 acres.
Location: nine miles south of Paulina.
Topography: south fork Crooked River canyon; flat; rolling hills.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, scattered juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers

no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation; does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- has wilderness and scenic values, including rolling juniper hills, vast panoramas and rocky outcrops. (2)(2)
- road separating 5-33 and 5-34 is misclassified. (2)(2)
- areas should be combined (map). (1)(1)

Unit 5-34

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,060 acres.
Location: 12 miles southwest of Paulina.
Topography: rolling hills, steep ridges, gently valleys.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation; does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (3)(2)
- has wilderness and scenic values, including rolling juniper hills, vast panoramas and rocky outcrops. (2)(2)
- road separating 5-33 and 5-34 is misclassified. (2)(2)
- areas should be combined (1)(1)

Unit 5-35

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 21,840 acres.
Location: 15 miles north of Hampton.
Topography: Gerry Mountain rises 1,100 feet above surrounding terrain; rugged drainages and ridges.
Vegetation: juniper, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and uranium prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation and does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; contains wilderness values; Gerry Mountain, Ominous Butte and arroyos provide ample opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation; routes along eastern boundary are not roads (maps). (2)(1)

Note: A portion of the east boundary shown on the proposed decision map is not a road. As a result an additional 1,230 acres of public land will be intensively inventoried with the other public land contained in this unit. The total public land area is 21,840 acres.

Unit 5-36

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,200 acres.
Location: 15 miles northeast of Hampton.
Topography: rolling hills; plain dissected by canyon; buttes and steep ridges.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, rabbitbrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation and does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Unit 5-40

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 11,980 acres.
Location: ten miles north of Hampton.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, rabbitbrush, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation and does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

Unit 5-41

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: 7,180 acres.
Location: one mile north of Hampton.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation and does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (3)(2)
- has wilderness values including isolation and broad panoramas, opportunity for camping, examples of juniper woodland ecotype. (2)(2)
- routes separating Units 5-41, 5-42, 5-43 and 5-46 are ways; should be considered as one large wilderness study area. (1)(1)
- road which divides 5-43 from 5-41 and 5-42 is not maintained and is impassable; even worse is the road dividing 5-41 and 5-42 - where this road meets the previously discussed one, it is not visible because tall sagebrush has completely obliterated the tracks. (1)(1)

Unit 5-42

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,160 acres.
Location: seven miles northeast of Hampton.
Topography: rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation; does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (3)(2)
- has wilderness values including isolation and broad panoramas, opportunity for camping, examples of juniper woodland ecotype. (2)(1)
- roads separating Units 5-41, 5-42, 5-43 and 5-46 are ways; should be considered as one large wilderness study area. (1)(1)
- road which divides 5-43 from 5-41 and 5-42 is not maintained and is impassable; even worse is the road dividing 5-41 and 5-42 - where this road meets the previously discussed one, it is not visible because tall sagebrush has completely obliterated the tracks. (1)(1)

Unit 5-43

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 17,960 acres.
Location: three miles northeast of Hampton.
Topography: flat; rolling hills.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; rockhounds and prospectors have scoured the area as evidenced by many pits and excavations; area offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation; does not have wilderness characteristics. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (3)(2)
- routes separating 5-43 from 5-41, 5-42 and 5-46 are ways; units should be combined. (1)(1)
- the road which divides 5-43 from the other two areas (5-41 and 5-42) is nearly impassable and is not maintained. (1)(1)
- unit has wilderness values including isolation and broad panoramas, juniper woodland ecotype, camping opportunities. (2)(1)

Note: The southeastern boundary shown on the proposed decision map is not a road. The actual boundary is a utility powerline maintenance road, approximately 1 1/2 miles to the south. An additional 4,140 acres of public land will be inventoried, along with the other public land in this unit. The total public land area is 17,960 acres.

Unit 5-46

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,650 acres.
Location: five miles east of Hampton.
Topography: rimrock ridge; rolling hills.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's impacts include pits, excavations, watering troughs, fences and roads; offers no outstanding opportunity for solitude or recreation, or scenic or unique features or other wilderness characteristics. (2)(2)

- intensively inventory; rolling hills promote isolation; broad panoramas; opportunities for camping; example of juniper woodland ecotype; should be part of 5-41, 5-42, 5-43 because routes separating units are ways (maps). (1)(1)

Unit 5-47

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,300 acres.
Location: ten miles southeast of Hampton.
Topography: rolling.
Vegetation: sagebrush, juniper, rabbitbrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's impacts include fences, roads and a large transmission line, there are no scenic or unique natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 5-49

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15,550 acres.
Location: ten miles southwest of Brothers.
Topography: flat; gently rolling; basalt escarpments.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's impacts include roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; too small for solitude; no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

Note: The southern boundary shown on the April 6 proposed decision map is not a road. With the boundary moved to the correct location, an additional 4,310 acres of public land will be intensively inventoried. Total public land area is 15,550 acres.

Unit 5-50

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: 6,790 acres.
Location: seven miles southwest of Brothers.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's impacts include roads, power-lines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; too small for solitude; no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory, untouched by human activity except for ways, camps, wildlife enhancement facilities and litter; should be combined with 5-51, 5-53, 5-55 because routes separating units are ways (map). (1)(1)

Unit 5-51

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 12,600 acres of public land.
Location: two miles south of Brothers.
Topography: two large ridges rise above flat terrain.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grasses, clusters of junipers, small stand of ponderosa pine.
Developments: reservoirs, network of ways, several seedings.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should be intensively inventoried. (2)(1)
- should be considered part of larger wilderness study area, along with inventory units 5-50, 5-53, and 5-55; routes separating units are ways (map), relatively untouched by human activity, except for ways, hunter camps, wildlife enhancement facilities, and litter; contains isolated stands of ponderosa pine and many species of birds, mammals and reptiles. (1)(1)
- unit is basically natural and should be preserved. (1)(1)

Explanation of final decision: The proposed decision was based on the conclusion that the unit is not substantially free of the works of man because of ways, reservoirs, wildlife guzzlers and seedings in the unit. Recent field examination of the unit, however, has revealed that the culmulative effect of these manmade intrusions is not sufficient to make it clear and obvious that the unit lacks wilderness characteristics. Therefore, the unit will be intensively inventoried. This does not constitute a decision that the unit does have wilderness characteristics. Comments on roads separating intensive inventory units will be addressed in the intensive inventory.

Unit 5-52

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,040 acres.
Location: ten miles south of Brothers.
Topography: flat; gently rolling; basalt escarpments; small cinder cone.
Vegetation: juniper, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's impacts include roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; too small for solitude; no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 5-53

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 11,540 acres.
Location: seven miles south of Brothers.
Topography: flat; small rocky ridges.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; relatively untouched by human activity; contains isolated stands of ponderosa pine and many species of wildlife, should be combined with 5-50, 5-51 and 5-55 because roads separating them are ways (map). (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; impacts of man include roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; area too small for solitude; no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 5-55

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 16,860 acres.
Location: four miles southeast of Brothers.
Topography: flat; gently rolling; basalt escarpments.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; relatively untouched by human activity; contains isolated stands of ponderosa pine and many species of wildlife, should be combined with 5-50, 5-51 and 5-53 because roads separating them are ways (map). (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; impacts of man include roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; area too small for solitude; no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 5-56

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decison: intensively inventory.
Size: 8,380 acres.
Location: 11 miles southeast of Brothers.
Topography: buttes, flat to gently rolling basalt plain.
Vegetation: juniper, grass, sagebrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's impacts include roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; area too small for solitude; no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; western boundary is a way, not a road, and should be extended farther west. (1)(1)

Unit 5-57

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10,800 acres.
Location: eight miles west of Hampton.
Topography: flat to gently rolling; basalt escarpments.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's impacts include roads, powerlines, well, fences, reservoirs and private land; the area is too small for solitude; has no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 5-58

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 6,160 acres.
Location: five miles west of Hampton.
Topography: flat to gently rolling; basalt escarpments.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, scattered juniper.
Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's imprint includes roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; the area is too small for solitude; has no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

Unit 5-59

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 6,300 acres.
Location: ten miles west of Hampton.
Topography: flat to gently rolling; basalt escarpments.
Vegetation: juniper, grass, sagebrush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's imprint includes roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; area is too small for solitude; has no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; roads bordering 5-60, 5-63 and 5-66 are ways and units should be combined (map); topography provides solitude and primitive recreation; supplemental values include wildlife habitat and excellent examples of basin and range topography. (1)(1)

Unit 5-60

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10,420 acres.
Location: nine miles southwest of Hampton.
Topography: flat; small rocky ridges and buttes.
Vegetation: juniper, sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's imprint includes roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; area is too small for solitude; has no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; roads bordering 5-59, 5-63 and 5-66 are ways and units should be combined (map); topography provides solitude and primitive recreation; supplemental values include wildlife habitat and excellent examples of basin and range topography. (1)(1)

Unit 5-63

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 16,180 acres.
Location: eight miles south of Hampton.
Topography: rolling hills; rimrock drainages; mesas; playas.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; man's imprint includes roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land; area is too small for solitude; has no unique or scenic natural features. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory; roads bordering 5-59, 5-60 and 5-66 are ways and units should be combined (map); topography provides solitude and primitive recreation; supplemental values include wildlife habitat and excellent examples of basin and range topography. (1)(1)

Unit 5-64

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10,910 acres.
Location: ten miles southeast of Hampton.
Topography: Glass Butte rises 2,400 feet above desert floor.
Vegetation: sagebrush, juniper, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- there is a road to the top of Glass Butte. (2)(2)
- area contains inroads and fences; does not provide opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation. (1)(1)

- a microwave facility on Glass Butte is visible from many points in the area. (2)(2)
- many roads and small reservoirs in the area. (1)(1)

Note: A portion of the eastern boundary was incorrectly shown on the proposed decision map. With the boundary in the correct location, an additional 1,650 acres of public land will be intensively inventoried. The total area of this unit is 10,910 acres.

Unit 5-65

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 17,920 acres.
Location: 17 miles southeast of Hampton.
Topography: flat; rolling hills; east slope of Glass Butte.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (2)(2)
- area includes fences, roads, powerline, mine excavations and obsidian digging, cow camp, dozed-out water holes; no solitude due to roads. (1)(1)
- area is full of unmaintained roads; a powerline for a pump extends into Section 9; barbwire fences, reservoirs and rockhound cuts and pits in area; lacks unique scenery; area is not presently used for solitude. (1)(1)

Unit 5-66

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,580 acres.
Location: ten miles southwest of Hampton.
Topography: flat to rolling; small east-west ridge; dry lakebed.
Vegetation: sagebrush, grass, juniper.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory, unit too small, man's impacts include roads, powerlines, wells, fences, reservoirs and private land, no solitude or unique or scenic features. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory, roads separating unit from 5-59, 5-60 and 5-63 are ways and units should be combined (map), topography provides

solitude and primitive recreation; supplemental values include wildlife habitat and excellent examples of basin and range topography. (1)(1)

Unit 5-77

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two and three-quarters acre island.
Location: in John Day River, one mile downstream from Service Creek.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sedge, cheatgrass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory; small gravel bar sometimes disappears altogether; has no wilderness characteristics except that it is indeed roadless. (1)(1)

Unit 5-79

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 10 1/2 acre island.
Location: in John Day River, 14 miles downstream from Clarno.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: juniper, alder, sagebrush, sedge, grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory, has outstanding solitude and desert recreation opportunities. (1)(1)

Unit 5-80

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: six and three-quarter acre island.
Location: in John Day River, nine miles upstream from Highway 206 crossing.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: sagebrush, sedge, chestgrass.
Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; has outstanding solitude and desert recreation opportunities. (1)(1)

Unit 5-81

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two and one-half acre island.
Location: in John Day River, eight miles upstream from Highway 206 crossing.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: annual grasses and forbs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; has outstanding solitude and desert recreation opportunities. (1)(1)

Baker District

Unit 6-1

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 1,200 acres.
Location: south end of Hells Canyon and just north of Homestead.
Topography: very steep, deeply dissected canyons and side-drainages with very rugged basalt outcroppings.
Vegetation: Ponderosa pine, grasses, poison ivy, sagebrush and other shrubs; aspen and riparian type vegetation along creek banks.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be intensively inventoried; we question whether or not the area surrounding Homestead is unique, wild and roadless as defined by law and regulation. (1)(1)

Unit 6-2 (includes former Unit 6-8)

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 9,200 acres.
Location: Snake River breaks due west of Homestead.
Topography: extremely rugged with massive basalt outcroppings.
Vegetation: ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, sagebrush, shrubs, forbs, and grasses.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should not be intensively inventoried. (2)(2)
- we question whether or not the area surrounding Homestead is unique, wild and roadless as defined by law and regulation. (1)(1)
- the Snake River Road, large man-made reservoirs, powerlines and past mining activities are visible from much of the area and detract from the solitude. (1)(1)
- only 160 acres; major paved highway cuts across this area. (1)(1) (Comment refers to Unit 6-8)

Note: Unit 6-2 (and former Unit 6-8) is adjacent to a National Forest RARE II area which has been designated by the President for further planning. Since Unit 6-8 is only 160 acres in size, it is being combined with Unit 6-2 for a total of 9,200 acres.

Unit 6-11

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 240 acres of public land adjacent to a USFS RARE II area designated by the President for further wilderness study.
Topography: very steep ridge face.
Vegetation: Douglas-fir, pine, shrubs, grass.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- area is excluded from further evaluation in narratives [for proposed decision] but colored brown on map [indicating intensive inventory]; it should be intensively inventoried. (1)(1)

Unit 6-40

Proposed decision: eliminate from further review.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 7,200 acres.
Location: Approximately 15 miles southeast of Baker.
Topography: very steep south-facing slopes dropping into the Burnt River; deeply dissected side canyons with lava outcroppings, spires and eroded Burnt River schist columns.
Vegetation: occasional ponderosa pine in drainages; juniper, sagebrush, crested wheatgrass, cheatgrass, riparian vegetation.
Developments: springs and water catchments, many ways, mine tailings, road cuts on abandoned roads.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- question identification of roads along the Burnt River; area should be studied as Wilderness. (1)(1)
- a way on Hooker Gulch does not look maintained; area appears natural and offers an outstanding opportunity for solitude; good opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation; should be inventoried. (1)(1)

Response: This unit was not considered to meet the minimum size criteria when the proposed decision was made. After field checking the comments, it was determined the way up Hooker Gulch does not meet the definition of a road contained in the Wilderness Inventory Handbook. The absence of a road in this location causes the unit to reach approximately 7,200 acres in size. It will be intensively inventoried.

Medford District

Unit 11-1

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 320 acres.
Location: approximately 15 miles northwest of Klamath Falls on the east edge of the Forest Service Mountain Lakes Wilderness Area.
Topography: steeply sloping; lies on the east slope of Aspen Butte.
Vegetation: conifers and brush.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory; isolated from other BLM lands and should be added to Mountain Lakes Wilderness Area. (2)(3)

Unit 11-16

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final Decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 45,000 acres.
Location: 17 miles northwest of Grants Pass.
Topography: mountainous.
Vegetation: coniferous, hardwood forest, brushfields.
Developments: trails, Whisky Creek Cabin, Rogue River Ranch, mine sites, mining prospects, bridges, abandoned cabins.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- do not intensively inventory. (3)(3)
- lines cut for geophysics crew will be noticeable; there is a road nearby. (1)(1)
- man's work is noticeable in much of this area; roads on surrounding ridges are visible; a poor but improved road provides access to the middle of the Howards Creek area (included map). (1)(1)
- clear cuts, jeep roads and fire breaks in area show signs of man's presence. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (3)(4)
- area is a natural extension of the wild and scenic part of the Rogue River; tributary creeks would cool the warm summer waters of the lower Rogue; improved wilderness experience to river traveler. (1)(1)
- valuable for protection of wildlife and watershed values. (1)(2)
- the proposed boundary did not include all roadless land; revise the boundary to include it. (1)(1)

Note: The identified boundary of the unit excludes lands that, notwithstanding their unroaded conditions, are exempted by law from the wilderness review. These lands are revested O&C Grant lands capable of being managed for commercial timber production on a sustained yield basis.

Unit 11-17

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 6,100 acres.
Location: approximately four miles east of Siskiyou Pass, south of the summit of Soda Mountain.
Topography: hilly and steep.
Vegetation: mixed conifers and hardwoods with grassy brushfields.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (3)
- tremendous scenic and wildlife values. (2)(2)
- only wild horse herd in western Oregon. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory; boardering roads and jeep road transecting area diminish wilderness character. (1)(1)

Spokane District

Unit 13-1

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory 7,806 acres; eliminate 700 acres from further review.
Size: 8,506 acres.
Location: 12 miles northeast of Pasco.
Topography: sand dunes.
Vegetation: grass, sagebrush, and rabbitbrush, bitterbrush; scattered juniper groves.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- intensively inventory. (38)(38)
- area is generally natural. (8)(7)
- natural except for off-road vehicle (ORV) use. (11)(9)
- even though it is not natural because of ORV damage. (2)(2)
- area provides solitude. (13)(11)
- area would provide solitude if ORVs were banned. (7)(7)
- area provides opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation. (9)(7)
- area deserves even greater protection than designation as wilderness would afford. (5)(3)
- area contains unique physical features, plants and birdlife. (31)(28)
- there is a possibility that area will return to a natural condition if ORVs are eliminated. (3)(1)
- area would provide opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation if ORVs were eliminated. (3)(3)
- some roads in unit are unmaintained, greater proportion of unit might be roadless. (1)(1)

- do not intensively inventory. (49)(49)
- area is not generally natural because of pipelines, powerlines, fences, roads, abandoned homesteads, view of city and city lights, adjacent agricultural land and developments, noise, low flying aircraft, ORV use. (47)(47)
- area does not offer an outstanding opportunity for solitude and primitive and unconfined type of recreation because of pipeline and powerline, low flying aircraft, adjacent private property (farms), noise, ORV use, proximity to urban area, view of city and city lights. (37)(37)
- area will heal itself even though used by ORVs. (1)(1)
- old bombing range is a safety hazard. (6)(6)
- area has a harsh climate and no water. (6)(6)
- juniper groves do deserve some sort of protection. (8)(8)

Explanation for Final Decision: One of the intrusions mentioned in the comments is a 250 KV powerline which crosses diagonally through the southwest corner of the roadless area. This power line represents a significant impact on the naturalness of this area. Rehabilitation is not a feasible alternative. The final decision is to exclude the powerline right-of-way from further review. The 700-acre area to the west of the powerline is also dropped from further inventory because of its small size. The remaining 7,806 acres will be intensively inventoried.

Unit 13-2

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 5,560 acres.
Location: 10 miles west of Oroville.
Topography: Steep rocky slopes; Bowers Lake and north half of Chopaka Lake.
Vegetation: subalpine fir, white bark pine, lodgepole, Engelman spruce, low shrubs, and grasses.

Public comments relating to the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- do not intensively inventory. (13)(13)
- area is not generally natural because of fences, cabins, water developments, mines, grounds camp, jeep roads and trails. (12)(12)
- there is not much chance of solitude because at no point in area would one be out of sight or sound of man's activity or improvements (highways, ranches, fishing and boating, campgrounds).
- this narrow area is a little over a mile wide at the most. (1)(1)

- intensively inventory. (4)(4)
- area does not presently meet naturalness requirements because of four-wheel drive roads which would return to natural condition if blocked; offers solitude because of mountainous quality and elevation. (1)(1)
- area contains critical mountain goat and white tailed ptarmigan habitat. (2)(2)
- man's impact is mostly unnoticeable; include old cattlemen's trails in trail system. (1)(1)

Unit 13-3

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two islands totaling 8.1 acres.
Location: about 1/4 mile off Lummi Island.
Topography: about 25 feet above high tide level.
Vegetation: grass cover.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- occasional eagle roost, some seabird roosting. (1)(1)

Unit 13-4

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two and one-quarter acre island.
Location: just offshore from Shaw Island.
Topography: irregular surface island, 40 feet above sea level maximum.
Vegetation: dense grass and shrubs, one small tree.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- major harbor seal haul out area; occasional seabird and eagle roost; picnic tables on island; very accessible to boaters. (1)(1)

Unit 13-5

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: one-quarter acre island.
Location: one-half mile offshore.
Topography: steep rock with soil pockets.
Vegetation: low grass and scattered shrubs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- heavily used by seabirds for roosting; pigeon guillemots and gulls nest here; probable eagle roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-6

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: less than one acre.
Location: just offshore from Decatur Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- within feeding area for seabirds. (1)(1)

Unit 13-7

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: one-half acre.
Location: offshore from Decatur Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- cormorant roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-8

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: less than one acre.
Location: 100 yards offshore from Lopez Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- probably too small for seabird use. (1)(1)

Unit 13-9

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: about one acre.
Location: just offshore from southwest tip of Decatur Island.
Topography: round island.
Vegetation: extensive low, dense vegetative cover.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- no seabird use observed. (1)(1)

Unit 13-10

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: one acre.

Location: about 100 to 150 yards off Orcas Island.
Topography: two low profile rocks.
Vegetation: dense grass and other low vegetation.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- minor seal haul out site; few birds roost; probable eagle roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-11

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: four rocks less than one acre each.
Location: just north of Barnes Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- probably too small for bird use. (1)(1)

Unit 13-12

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two rocks less than one acre each.
Location: just offshore from Clark Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- minor seal haul out site. (1)(1)

Unit 13-14

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two acres.
Location: just offshore from Matia Island which is in USFWS Wildlife Refuge.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- major seal haul out site; occasional eagle use. (1)(1)

Unit 13-15

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: less than five acres total.
Location: from 20 to 300 yards offshore in Davis Bay.
Topography: low profile scattered islands and rocks.
Vegetation: none.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- heavily used seabird roost; seal haul out area. (1)(1)

Unit 13-16

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: less than 11 acres total.
Location: 100 to 250 yards from Richardson, Charles Island and Mackaye Harbor.
Topography: high dome shaped island (35 feet).
Vegetation: low vegetation; shrubs, trees.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- heavily used seabird roost; seal haul out area. (1)(1)

Unit 13-17

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: Skull Island -- 217 acres; rocks -- less than one acre.
Location: 50 yards from Orcas Island.
Topography: rises to 25′ above sea level.
Vegetation: extensive low vegetation, isolated trees and shrub patches.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- major seal haul out area; too close to human activity for birds. (1)(1)

Unit 13-18

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: less than five acres total.
Location: from 100 yards to one-half mile off Orcas Island.
Topography: small islands.
Vegetation: none.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- major seal haul out area; too close to human activity for birds. (1)(1)

Unit 13-19

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: less than one acre.
Location: 50 yards off Sheep Island about one-tenth mile from West Sound on Orcas Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- major seal haul out area; too close to human activity for birds. (1)(1)

Unit 13-20

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two islands less than one acre each.
Location: just offshore from Orcas Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- major seal haul out area; too close to human activity for birds. (1)(1)

Unit 13-21

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: three acres.
Location: 50 yards off Orcas Island.
Topography: steep sided island, 45′ above sea level.
Vegetation: dense deciduous and evergreen trees.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- major seal haul out area; too close to human activity for birds. (1)(1)

Unit 13-22

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: About one acre.
Location: East Sound Bay, just offshore from town of East Sound.
Topography: unknown
Vegetation: unknown

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- T. Roosevelt declared in 1904 that said island "be reserved for lighthouse purposes" (included a photo taken prior to 1904 which showed a home on the island). (1)(1)
- close to heavy human activity. (1)(1)

Unit 13-23

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: Freeman Island -- two acres; Beach Haven Rock -- less than one acre.
Location: Freeman Island - 300 to 400 yards offshore from Orcas Island; Beach Haven Rock -- just offshore from Orcas Island and about one-half mile south of Freeman Island.
Topography: Freeman Island -- steep sided, elevation to 25 feet; Beach Haven Rock -- unknown.
Vegetation: Freeman Island -- dense vegetative cover with scattered conifers. Beach Haven Rock -- unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- probable winter eagle use; little seabird use. (1)(1)

Unit 13-24

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 15 acres.
Location: about 50 yards from Patos Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- winter eagle use--summer use when Patos Island nest is active; gulls and harlequin ducks feed offshore. (1)(1)

Unit 13-25

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: four to five rocks -- less than five acres.
Location: about 80-100 yards southeast of Ewing Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- eagle and pigeon guillemot roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-26

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: about one acre.
Location: about 20 feet offshore from Dinner Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: grass cover.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- likely used as seal haul out site. (1)(1)

Unit 13-27

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.

Size: one acre.
Location: about 50 to 100 yards offshore from private land on San Juan Island.
Topography: low profile island.
Vegetation: extensive low vegetation.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wlilderness characteristics:

- gull roost; possible eagle roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-28

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: group of 15 islands -- less than 15 acres.
Location: about 50 to 100 yards offshore from private land on San Juan Island.
Topography: low profile.
Vegetation: grass or low vegetative cover.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- gull roost; possible eagle roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-29

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: about two acres.
Location: just offshore from private lands on Shaw Islands.
Topography: dome shaped island rising to 40 feet above sea level.
Vegetative: conifer trees.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- possible major seal haul out site; seabird and eagle roost area. (1)(1)

Unit 13-30

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: three rocks -- three acres.
Location: North Pass Rock --just off Reef Island; McConnell Rocks -- just off McConnell Island.

Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: Northwest McConnell Rock -- grass cover with few conifer trees; other two rocks -- unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- lots of seabird and seal use; kelp beds. (1)(1)

Unit 13-31

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: one acre.
Location: 100-150 feet offshore from Broken Point on Shaw Island.
Topography: dome shaped island.
Vegetation: low vegetative cover with about ten conifer trees and a few deciduous trees.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics.

- eagle roost; 100 pairs of nesting gulls. (1)(1)

Unit 13-32

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: one acre.
Location: 100 yards from Pearl Island.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: dense stand of conifers, shrubs and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- kelp beds; seabird and harlequin duck use. (1)(1)

Unit 13-33

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: five islands -- five acres.
Location: offshore of San Juan Island.
Topography: Mitchell's Bay Island -- unknown; Guss Island -- rocky knob with elevation of about six feet.
Vegetation: Mitchell's Bay Island -- unknown; Guss Island -- grass, shrubs and conifer trees.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- seabird roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-40

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two islands with a total six and one-half acres.
Location: about 300 yards off-shore from Fidalgo Island.
Topography: generally flat.
Vegetation: densely covered with a mixture of trees, shrubs and grass.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should be considered for intensive inventory. (1)(1)

Unit 13-44

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: one island of 20 acres.
Location: at the confluence of the Skagit and Sauk Rivers.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: none on gravel bar, vegetative cover above the high water line.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- should be considered for intensive inventory. (1)(1)
- important winter eagle feeding and roosting area; fish spawning. (1)(1)

Unit 13-50

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 11 groups of rocks -- 50 acres total.
Location: Strait of Juan de Fuca just offshore from Clallam County mainland.
Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- Waada Island -- bald eagle winter use, spring use in 1979; Tatoosh Island and rocks -- very important seabird nesting area and harbor seal hauling out area, eagle use; Seal and Sail Rocks -- one of the few inland breeding sites for tufted puffins; pigeon guillemots, glaucous-winged gulls; pelagic comorants and oystercatchers also nest here; major seal hauling area; all other rocks west of Waada Island are significant seabird and eagle roosting areas; entire area might serve as feeding area for peregrine falcons. (1)(1)

Unit 13-59

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: two acres.
Location: in Silver Lake.
Topography: low profile island.
Vegetation: two large fir trees, numerous smaller deciduous trees and shrubs.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- within one mile of active eagle nest so probable use site. (1)(1)

Unit 13-60

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: 185 acres.
Location: in Columbia River about one mile from Multnomah Falls.
Topography: flat.
Vegetation: dense tree and shrub cover.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- probable eagle use. (1)(1)

Unit 13-62

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: one acre.
Location: in Lawrence Lake.

Topography: unknown.
Vegetation: unknown.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- eagle roost. (1)(1)

Unit 13-63

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: ten acres.
Location: about one-quarter mile offshore from Anderson Island.
Topography: low oval shaped island.
Vegetation: dense shrub and tree cover.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- eagle roost, nearby nests. (1)(1)

Unit 13-67

Proposed decision: intensively inventory.
Final decision: intensively inventory.
Size: group of thirteen islands totaling about 100 acres.
Location: in the Columbia River bordering Franklin, Benton and Grant counties.
Topography: generally flat; one island contains a sand dune.
Vegetation: low grass cover; two islands have shrub cover.

Public comments relating to presence or absence of wilderness characteristics:

- pristine habitat which is extremely valuable to wildlife; should be studied further. (1)(1)
- significant bald eagle winter use; nearby communal roost. (1)(1)

APPENDIX A

THE WILDERNESS REVIEW PROCESS

Reason for Wilderness Review

When Congress passed the Federal Land Policy and Management Act in 1976, it required the Secretary of the Interior to review roadless areas and islands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and to identify those which have wilderness characteristics. The Secretary is to report to the President his recommendations regarding the suitability of the areas and islands for preservation as wilderness. The President, in turn, is to submit his recommendations to Congress.

ONLY CONGRESS CAN ESTABLISH A WILDERNESS AREA.

The Three Phases of the Review Process

The wilderness review process has three phases: inventory, study and submission of a report to Congress.

1. Inventory. First, the public lands will be inventoried to identify areas that meet Congress' definition of wilderness. Such areas will be designated wilderness study areas (WSAs).

WE ARE NOW ALMOST MIDWAY THROUGH THIS PHASE. IT WILL BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1980.

BLM published a wilderness inventory handbook in September 1978. It contains policies, procedures, and guidelines on how the inventory will be carried out. The handbook may be obtained from any BLM office.

The inventory phase includes two steps.

a. Initial Inventory. The purpose of this step is to identify lands which clearly do not have wilderness characteristics. Such lands will be excluded from further wilderness review.

A proposed decision on the initial inventory in Oregon and Washington was announced on April 6, 1979. A 90-day public comment period followed.

THIS REPORT ANNOUNCES THE FINAL DECISION ON THE INITIAL INVENTORY IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

b. Intensive Inventory. All inventory units not eliminated from wilderness review in the initial inventory will be intensively inventoried this summer and fall.

A proposed decision will be announced this fall on whether the lands in 29 inventory units in southeastern Oregon should be designated wilderness study areas. These units are identified in Appendix C. The proposed decision will be described in a report and on a map. A 90-day public comment period will follow, and a final decision will be announced early in 1980.

A proposed decision will be announced in the spring of 1980 on whether lands in the other intensive inventory units in Oregon and Washington should be designated wilderness study areas. A 90-day public comment period will follow, with a final decision scheduled for late summer 1980.

All lands in the intensive inventory determined to lack wilderness characteristics will be eliminated from further consideration in the wilderness review.

2. Study. The BLM land-use planning system will be used to analyze all values, resources, and uses within the WSAs. The benefits of designating the areas as wilderness will be compared with the benefits of using the land for other purposes. The public will be asked to participate in the studies. The results of the studies will determine whether the areas are recommended as suitable or nonsuitable for designation as wilderness.

3. Reporting. When a study is completed, recommendations as to whether the WSAs are suitable or nonsuitable for designation as wilderness will be submitted to Congress.

Wilderness Characteristics

Congress directed us to use the wilderness definition found in Section 2(c) of the 1964 Wilderness Act to determine which roadless areas and islands have wilderness characteristics. On the basis of that definition, an area or island must have the following characteristics to qualify as a wilderness study area:

1. Contain 5,000 or more acres of contiguous public land or be of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation, use, and management as wilderness in an unimpaired condition.

2. Be an area where the imprint of man's work is substantially unnoticeable.

3. Offer either:

a. An outstanding opportunity for solitude, or

b. An outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

A wilderness area may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value. These values enhance the wilderness potential of an area, but they are not necessary features of a wilderness study area.

Roadless Areas

For purposes of BLM's wilderness review, the definition of "roadless" is taken directly from the legislative history of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (House Report 94-1163, May 15, 1976, page 17):

> The word 'roadless' refers to the absence of roads which have been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

Words and phrases in the definition are further defined in BLM's inventory handbook:

> "Improved and maintained" -- Actions taken physically by man to keep the road open to vehicular traffic. "Improved" does not necessarily mean formal construction. "Maintained" does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.
>
> "Mechanical means" -- Use of hand or power machinery or tools.
>
> "Relatively regular and continuous use" -- Vehicular use which has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources; access roads to maintain recreation sites or facilities; or access roads to mining claims.

Interim Management Policy

In Section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Congress requires BLM to manage public lands in a manner which does not impair their suitability for preservation as wilderness. Lands are released from this interim management requirement when it is determined through the initial or intensive inventories that they do not meet the wilderness criteria. Areas with wilderness characteristics remain under the interim management policy until Congress either makes the areas part of the National Wilderness Management System or rejects wilderness designation by legislative action.

A draft of BLM's interim management policy and proposed surface management regulations were issued for public review and comment in January 1979. You may obtain a copy from the Public Affairs Staff, Oregon State Office. The final interim management policy is scheduled to be issued later this year.

APPENDIX B

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

In April 1979, the public was invited to comment on the proposed decision on the initial wilderness inventory of public lands in Oregon and Washington. The districts and the State Office received 435 separate responses from individuals, groups and government agencies. Several of the responses expressed general opinions which ranged from feelings about the proper function of federal agencies to management alternatives for particular areas. Others contained comments which were very precise and pertained to specific inventory units. Many comments clearly reflected a considerable amount of time and effort in the collection of information.

The information about inventory units generally fell into two broad categories; that relating to wilderness characteristics and information about other resource values. Since the inventory deals only with the presence or absence of wilderness characteristics in specific areas, comments about these characteristics are summarized in the body of this report. The comments which contained detailed information about specific features will be particularly helpful as the inventory process continues. The other information will be used during the study phase if an area is designated for wilderness study. It will also be considered in future land use plans if the area is not designated for wilderness study.

As each response was examined, certain other information was analyzed. A summary of who provided responses and the nature and distribution of the comments is included on the following pages. Comments on the instant study areas are summarized in an accompanying report.

As used in this report, the term "response" refers to a letter, petition, comment form, telephone call, conversation in the field, office visit or remarks made at a public meeting. The number of "signatures" means the number of individuals who provided some form of response. An individual who submitted three comment forms separately and wrote two letters would be indicated as providing five responses with one signature.

Residence of Respondents

Most of the responses were submitted by people who live in eastern Oregon. Almost half of the signatures were from western Oregon residents. Eighty percent of the signatures from western Oregon were presented on a petition bearing 215 names.

	NUMBER RESPONSES	%	NUMBER SIGNATURES	%
Western Oregon	75	17	268	49
Eastern Oregon	174	40	108	20
Western Washington	30	7	31	6
Eastern Washington	96	22	86	16
Other U.S.	44	10	34	6
Unknown	16	4	19	3
Total	435	100	546	100

Form of Response

We received several forms of response, forty percent as personal letters. Many comment forms were completed during public meetings or were attached to letters. One hundred thirty-four comment sheets were received by themselves, with no letter and no meeting attendance indicated.

	NUMBER RESPONSES	%	NUMBER SIGNATURES	%
Personal Letter (Form-Letter)	174	40	156	29
Petition	1	-	215	39
Form Letter	2	-	1	-
Comment Sheet (only)	134	31	60	11
Meeting	101	23	94	77
Telephone/Personal Contact	26	6	20	4
Total	435	100	546	100

Organization or Affiliation of Respondents

Two-thirds of the respondants were identified as individuals or families. They also account for the majority of the signatures. The number of responses and signatures were nearly equal between those from ranching or farming organizations and those from wilderness and environmental groups.

	NUMBER RESPONSES	%	NUMBER SIGNATURES	%
Individual/Family	287	66	442	88
Businesses/Organizations				
Ranching/Farming	34	8	20	4
Mining	17	4	13	2
Petroleum/Energy	14	3	11	2
Timber/Lumbering	1	-	1	-
Wilderness/Environmental	31	7	23	4
Sportsman/Recreation	8	2	7	1
Government				
Federal	1	-	1	-
State	14	3	11	2
Local	22	5	12	2
Other	6	1	5	1
Total	435	99	546	99

Interest or Concerns of Respondents

Many respondents identified their interests or concerns. Most of them were concerned about environmental issues. The number of signatures after watershed and wildlife also indicate the other interests identified on the petition from western Oregon.

	NUMBER RESPONSES	%	NUMBER SIGNATURES	%
Watershed	15	5	224	25
Wildlife	31	10	245	28
Minerals	26	8	22	2
Recreation	43	14	42	5
ORV	16	5	14	2
Timber	5	2	4	-
Grazing	35	11	24	3
Energy	18	6	14	2
Cultural & Historical	8	3	4	-
Environmental	72	24	263	30
Multiple Use	21	7	13	1
Other Economic	16	5	14	2
Total	306	100	883	100

Number of Responses by District

Many responses referred to two or more districts. More were directed toward Spokane than any other. Inventory Unit 13-1 (Juniper Forest) on the Spokane District received 87 responses and 87 signatures. This unit accounted for 66 percent of the responses and 69 percent of the signatures received by that district and 18% and 15%, respectively, of the totals reveived for all districts.

	NUMBER RESPONSES	%	NUMBER SIGNATURES	%
Lakeview	70	15	29	5
Burns	97	20	64	11
Vale	78	16	54	9
Prineville	29	6	18	3
Baker	31	6	32	6
Salem	12	3	11	2
Eugene	8	2	8	1
Roseburg	1	-	1	-
Medford	16	3	231	40
Coos Bay	6	1	5	1
Spokane	132	28	127	22
Total	480	100	580	100

APPENDIX C

INVENTORY UNITS IN ACCELERATED INTENSIVE INVENTORY

For most of the intensive inventory units in Oregon and Washington, a proposed decision on which units warrant designation as wilderness study areas will be announced in the spring of 1980. However, the inventory schedule is accelerated for 29 units in eastern Oregon. A proposed decision on their status will be announced this fall. The units are:

Lakeview District: 1-76, 1-77, 1-78, 1-105, 1-111.

Burns District: 2-1, 2-2, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17, 2-21, 2-23, 2-24, 2-26, 2-74, 2-79, 2-81, 2-82.

Vale District: 3-36, 3-151, 3-156, 3-199.

Prineville District: 5-11, 5-57, 5-58.

Some of the units in the Burns District are located in the Drewsey area, where range improvement projects are proposed for next year. An early determination of wilderness characteristics on the affected inventory units will be necessary to decide which improvement projects can be carried out. If wilderness values are identified, no actions which would impair those values will be implemented.

Several of the accelerated inventory units contain BLM land in which the Oregon Division of State Lands has indicated an interest in exchanging for State land. Other accelerated inventory units contain land which BLM is considering exchanging for private lands. Before negotiations can proceed, it must be determined whether the BLM lands have wilderness characteristics. BLM lands in wilderness study areas will not be considered for exchange until Congress determines whether they will be designated wilderness.

An inventory unit in the Prineville District adjoins a Forest Service "further planning" area in the Crooked River National Grassland. The Forest Service will issue a draft environmental impact statement this summer which will include a preferred alternative on the future status and use of the area. An early announcement of the proposed decision on adjoining BLM land will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on both agency proposals simultaneously.

APPENDIX D

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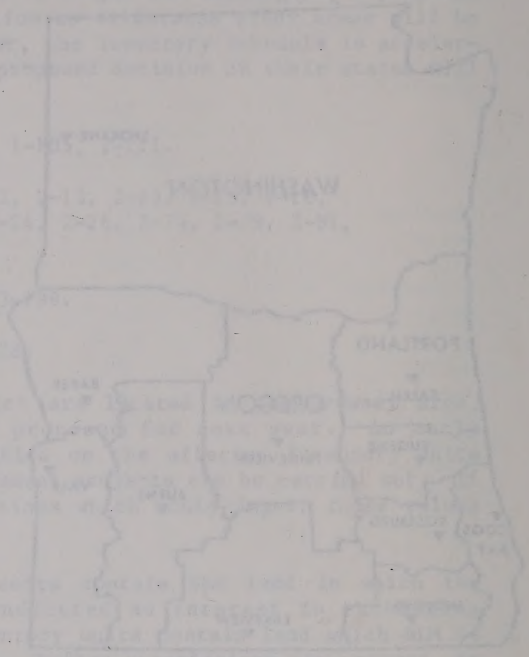

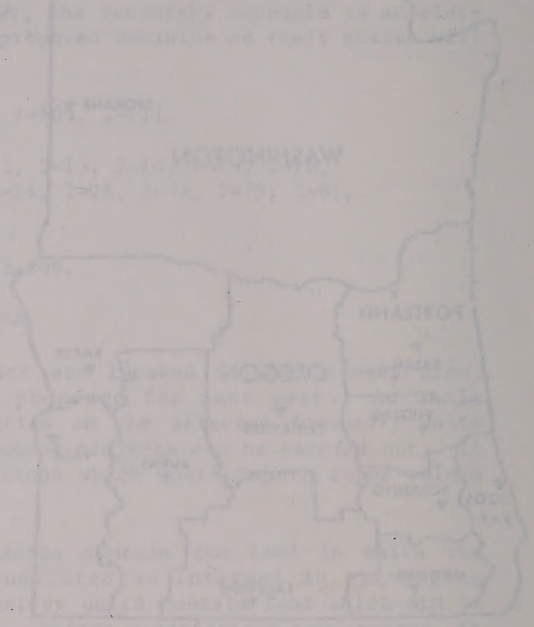
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BLM INVENTORY UNIT WHICH CLEARLY DOES NOT HAVE WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS

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9-1 ISLAND INVENTORY UNIT

BLM INVENTORY UNIT TO BE INTENSIVELY INVENTORIED

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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS DETERMINATION

INSTANT STUDY AREAS

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CONTIGUOUS LAND REVIEWED WITH ISA

EXISTING AND POTENTIAL WILDERNESS AREAS ADMINISTERED BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES*

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Existing wilderness

Recommended by President on April 16, 1979 for wilderness, designated for further planning, or designated by Congress as wilderness study area

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE OR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Island in existing wilderness

Proposed wilderness

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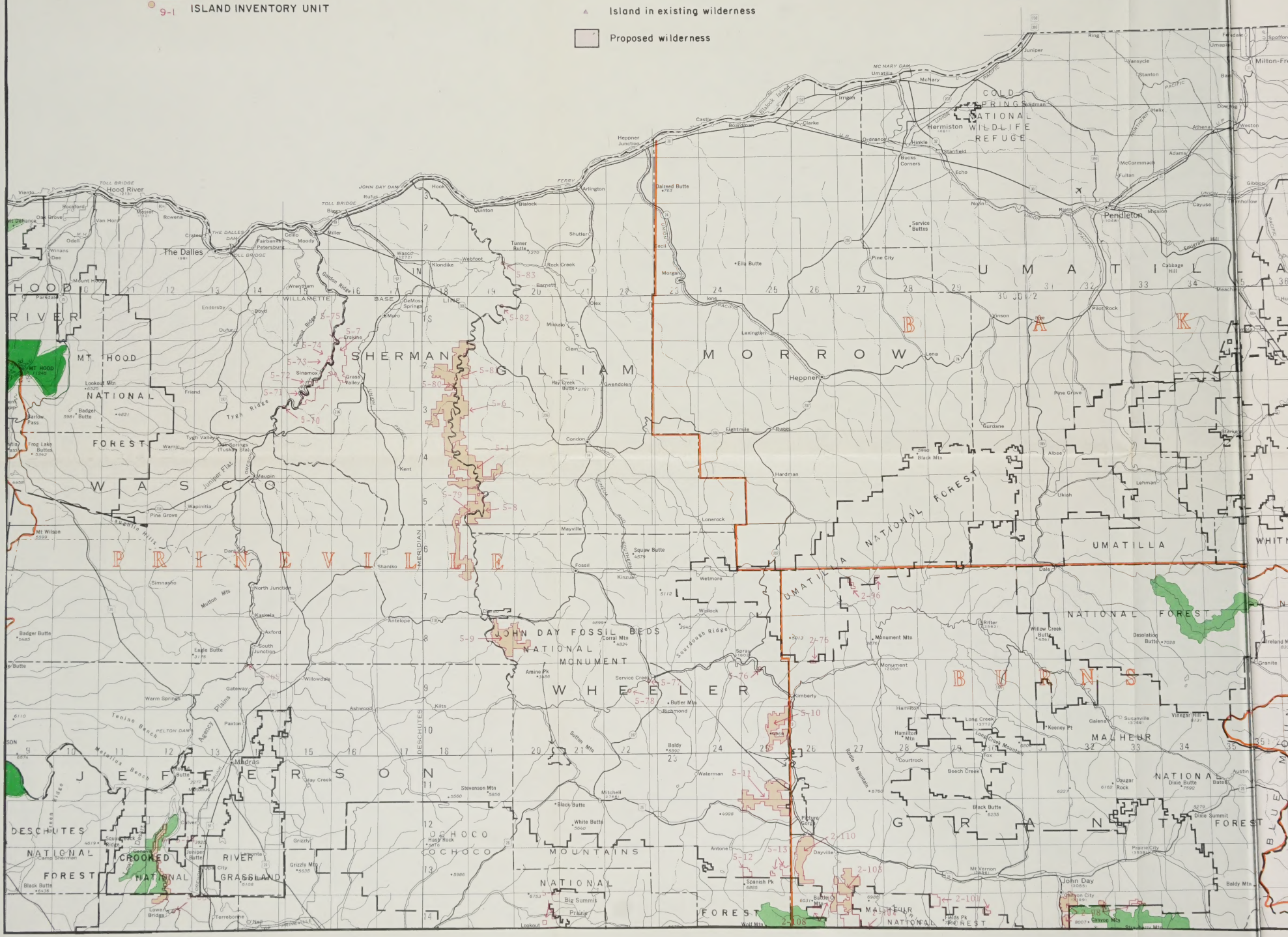

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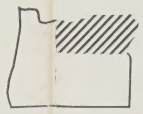

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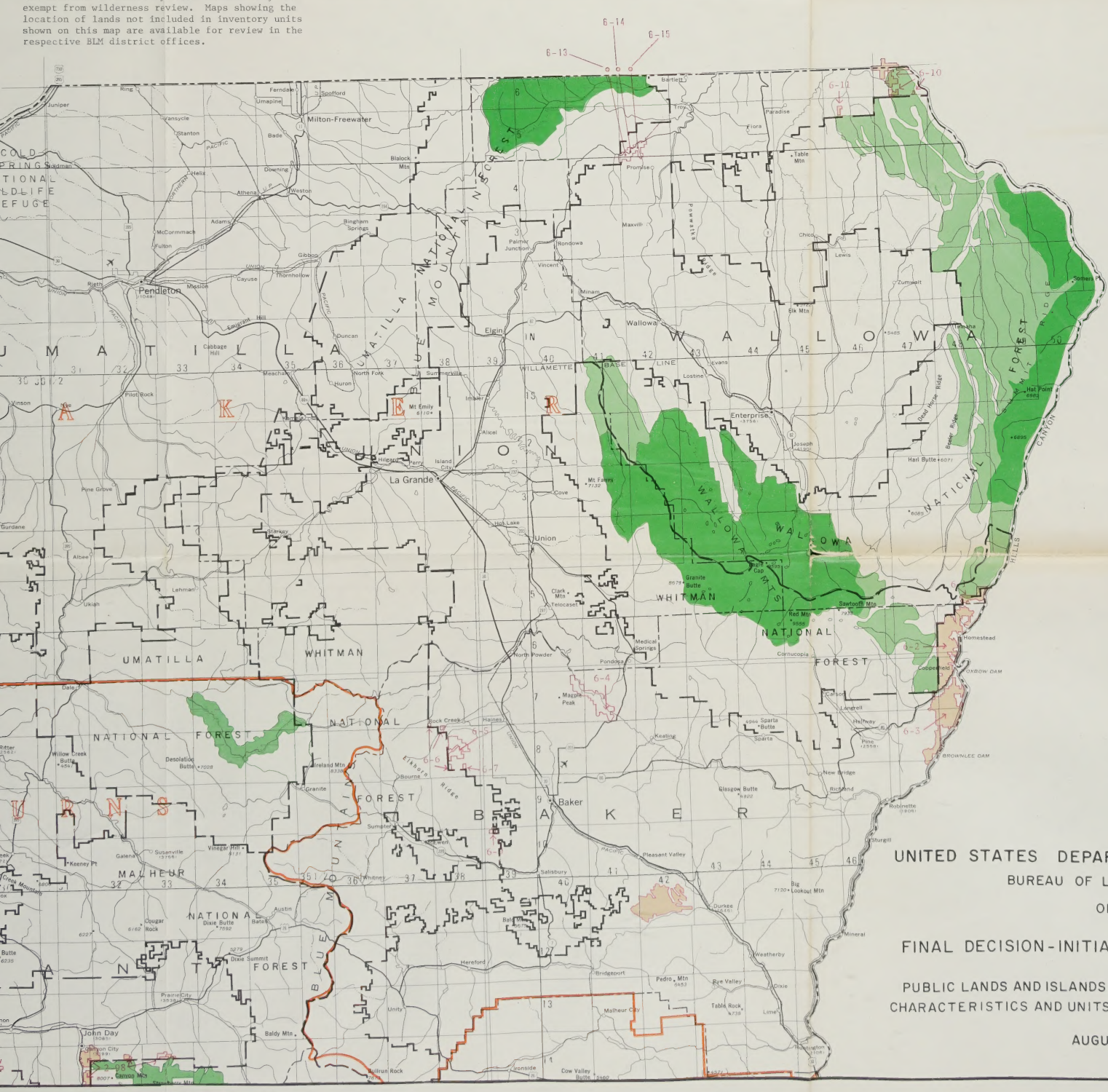

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PUBLIC LANDS AND ISLANDS WHICH DO NOT HAVE WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS AND UNITS TO BE INTENSIVELY INVENTORIED

AUGUST 1979